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VITAL WESTERN TALKS OPEN

Bandit area in Malaya attacked

Taiwan rice for Red China

Two women killed in landslide

Two Chinese women workers were buried under two tons of earth while working on a vacant lot near Kowloon City yesterday afternoon. One of them was killed instantly and the other died while being taken to the Kowloon Hospital. The accident happened in Sai Tau village. It is believed that the sudden landslide was due to the recent rainfall.

Red buyers seek cargo in Colony

Chinese Communist representatives, who recently arrived in Hong Kong, were reported yesterday to be preparing to buy HK\$200,000-000 worth of petrol, steel plates and penicillin and sulphur drugs.

The Communist buyers were reported to have already purchased 100,000 vials of penicillin and shipped the consignment to Canton by rail late last week.

According to reliable sources, the shipping of these products is for the coming invasion of the Nationalist-held Chusan Islands.

A shipping official said yesterday that steel plates could be used by the Communists by attaching the plates to wooden junks, thereby offering a measure of protection to troops from small calibre fire.

The large shipments of penicillin and sulphur drugs are being consigned to the People's Army Medical Corps.

Peking buyers have been purchasing these products in small quantities in the Colony, hoping to keep the prices from rising.

It was reported that the buyers hope to complete their purchases by the end of May. The shipments are due for immediate shipment by rail to Canton. From Canton, the goods are transported to the Yangtze area—presumably the jumping-off place for the Chusan invasion.

Following North China cities, Canton was reported yesterday to have placed an import ban on opium and opium.

This chemical has fallen in price by more than 300 per cent since the beginning of the year, primarily because of oversupply. Lack of working industry in China has also affected the demand for the chemical.

TYPHOON HEADING FOR GUAM

Guam, May 8. This military outpost battered down today for a typhoon packed with 90-mile-an-hour winds expected to hit in full fury at 2300 GMT today.

Planes roared off airfields for fields outside the typhoon's path. Ships chugged out of Apra Harbour to the relative safety of the sea.

Military personnel checked fastenings on Quonset huts and stocked shelter areas with supplies. Anderson Field Headquarters on North West Guam ordered personnel into shelters.

Shortly after noon the typhoon was reported 225 nautical miles South East of Guam, moving toward the island at eight miles an hour.

(In San Francisco, the Coast Guard said 15 of its men at the Ulithi-Loran station about 400 miles South West of Guam were evacuated by plane.)—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

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Today's Forecast—Light to moderate SE winds. Weather unsettled with rain developing. Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 77.3 deg. F. Minimum 63.1 deg. F. Rainfall 11.8 inches.

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France asks U.S. for aid in Indo-China

MEETING IN PARIS

Paris, May 8.

France opened a momentous series of Western Big Three talks today with a request for American aid in fighting the \$500,000,000 a year war against Communist led rebels in French Indo-China.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman asked the United States for financial and material help to wage the campaign in the Far Eastern hot spot. The request was understood to have failed at the first meeting of the Western Foreign Ministers.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, called on M. Schuman at the Foreign Office to start talks aimed at checking the global surge of Communism.

In return for any American help in Indo-China, France promised independence for Vietnam and other Indo-Chinese states. The move is calculated to counter Communist appeals to Indo-Chinese nationalism.

Mr. Acheson's reaction was not disclosed. But he was understood to believe the United States cannot give France additional aid now even though American foreign policy makers consider it necessary to secure that area against Communism.

Mr. Acheson and M. Schuman talked privately for half an hour in M. Schuman's office, then went into a round table session with their advisers. The morning was devoted to discussions on the Far East.

Momentous conferences

The momentous Western conferences which may decide the future peace of the world started at the French Foreign Office at 0900 GMT (6 p.m. HK time) when Mr. Acheson, accompanied by Mr. K. E. Bruce, United States ECA administrator for France, called on M. Schuman.

Mr. Acheson was also accompanied by the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George Perkins, the Ambassador at Large, Dr. Philip Jessup, the Republican adviser, Mr. John Sherman Cooper, and top American experts on European affairs.

Mr. Schuman's advisers at the conference in the tapestryed Foreign Office were M. Guy de la Tournelle, Political Director

To ask for assurances

Diplomatic informants said Mr. Acheson will ask M. Schuman for assurances that steps toward independence will be taken as fast as the guerrilla war allows.

American have stated repeatedly that United States policy contains not the slightest suggestion of opposition to the French union which links metropolitan France with her overseas territories.

All Mr. Acheson wants to know now, informed sources said, is whether Indo-China will get independence, with the French

union retaining only some diplomatic links like the British Commonwealth, or whether America is being asked to foot the bill for French colonial conquest.

So far President Truman has promised \$15,000,000 for Indo-China from a \$75,000,000 fund appropriated by Congress to help stem Communism in the Far East.

French statesmen complain bitterly that such aid is too little and too slow. They say failure to provide more aid, and promptly, may result in a Communist victory in Indo-China—opening the way for Red domination of Thailand, Burma and the Malayan peninsula.

Source close to the conference expressed doubt that any final decision will be reached on Mr. Acheson's visit here.

In the first place, any grants other than the already appropriated \$75,000,000 would have to get Congressional approval. Secondly, Big Three talks open in London on Thursday and Britain undoubtedly would have to be consulted because of her stake in Malaya, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Defence of Western Europe

The main purpose of Mr. Acheson's visit to London tomorrow is to press for the integration of British arms, money and men in the defence of Western Europe, the "Daily Express" declared today, states a Reuters report from London.

The newspaper said in an editorial: "The project of defence co-operation for Western Europe, if it were likely to result in greater security for Britain. But it is not."

"Closer communion with the countries of Western Europe does not mean greater safety for Britain, women and children. It means less safety for them."

The "Express" said it was Britain's desire to give the fullest support in defence of democracy. But the best way of defending democracy is not to unite with Europe. It is instead to defend the defence system of the British Empire.

"In the co-ordinated economic and military might of the British Empire lies not only our own surest shield against aggression, but perhaps the surest shield of the whole free world," the United Press, Associated Press and Reuters.

HK delegate leaves for ECAFE meet

Mr. Kwok Chan of the Banque Indo-Chine, left for Bangkok by the Pan American World Airways yesterday to attend the Sixth Session of the Commission for Asia and Far East regional conference there.

Mr. Kwok, who is the principal delegate representing Hong Kong, is accompanied by Mr. M. W. Lo, of the Urban Council, and Mrs. Lo. Mr. Lo is one of the two alternate delegates.

The other alternate delegate is Mr. Austin Coates of the Colon and Secretariat. Mr. Coates left for Bangkok last Friday.

Originally the ECAFE regional conference was to take place in October at Lahore, Pakistan, however it is now decided that it will take place in the Thai capital this month.

The conference will last from today until May 20. A few main topics will be presented in the conference for discussion by the ECAFE delegates. These will consist of matters in connection with property in mining, trading with Japan, land communications, commerce in travelling, agricultural, international financial status and other technical questions.



A Daimler armoured car of "A" Squadron, 4th Hussars road patrol waited for 25-pounder guns of 17th Field Battery, Royal Artillery, to finish firing concentration on a bandit area near Brogo, South Selangor. The attack, begun by Royal Air Force planes was also assisted by mortars of the 1st Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. (AP Photo).

LIE URGES EFFORTS TO END THE COLD WAR

Geneva, May 8.

Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, now in Switzerland on his way to Moscow, declared here today that 1950 was the year of decision for the world.

The time had come to end the cold war. Mr. Lie told the opening of the Third World Health Assembly: "We cannot meet this challenge successfully at the snail's pace of today. We cannot meet it by half-way measures. We cannot postpone it until a more convenient time. The Challenge is here and now. The time has come for all who work for peace and believe in peace to join in new efforts to bring the cold war to an end."

Mr. Lie went on: "The supreme challenge is presented by that great majority of the population of the world, numbering more than 1,600,000,000, whose poverty, hunger and insecurity must be substantially remedied if they are not to result in new and disastrous upheavals."

"Most of these people live in the so-called under-developed areas of the world in Asia and Africa. They will no longer accept the grinding poverty that has been their fate for centuries. Mr. Lie called for bold and creative action on a worldwide scale to bring about real improvements in the living conditions of these people, improvement that would begin to be evident within the next five years, having as their goal a doubling of living standards within 20 years."

Resources at hand Mr. Lie said: "In the specialized agencies and the United Nations we have available the technical, scientific and administrative skills and resources that are necessary."

Mr. Lie said: "We have an integrated system of world organization much more complete than the world has had before and are learning to co-ordinate our tasks more effectively in spite of their complexity."

"Their effectiveness depends upon the political and material support that is given them by the member states."

Dr. Brock Chisholm, Canadian Director-General of the World Health Organization, attacked governments which "alot millions for unproductive rearmament purposes" at the expense of the people's health.

Addressing the opening session of the 80 nation assembly here, Dr. Chisholm said: "The time has indeed come when governments, instead of wasting their energies on political quarrels, should devote themselves to the aims of the United Nations: the building of a healthy, prosperous and peaceful world; and security are illusions, dangerous illusions, when the majority of the people on this earth are sick and hungry."

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Several East European nations have left the World Health Organization. The Soviet Union was the first in February last year. She was followed by Byelorussia, the Ukraine, Bulgaria, Rumania and later Albania, Czechoslovakia left last month.

These countries said the organization did not fulfil its proper functions, leaving its basic purpose more abstract motives.

KMT agents arrested in Canton

More than 250 secret agents of the Nationalists have been arrested during the past four months in Canton, said a "New China News Agency" message yesterday. The agency's report added that in the same period more than 200 Nationalist agents have been arrested by the authorities and promised to lead a new life.

It was also reported that the Canton authorities seized 19 wireless receiving-transmitting radio sets, 102 revolvers and automatic pistols, 79,000 rounds of ammunition and nearly 100 cartons of explosives in the same period.

WAR OFFICE APPOINTMENTS

London, May 8. The War Office announces the appointment of Major-General L. K. Lockhart, commander of the Fifth Anti-aircraft Group, to be commander of the Salisbury Plain district from November this year and of Brigadier C. H. Norton, Brigadier of the Royal Artillery Headquarters, British Army Headquarter, to be commander of the Fifth Anti-Aircraft Group from October this year, with the temporary rank of Major-General. —Reuters.

Withdrawal of recognition suggested

London, May 8.

Mr. Ernest Davies, Foreign Affairs Under-Secretary, refused a suggestion in Parliament today that Britain should consider withdrawing her recognition of the new Communist regime in China.

Mr. Leonard Gamman (Conservative) had urged this because of the "lack of reciprocity" by China and the continued difficulties British commercial interests were meeting with in Shanghai.

Mr. Davies replied briefly, "No." Mr. Gamman asked how long the Government was going to accept "deliberately meant insults to us" in view of the damage this "premature recognition" had done in Malaya.

Mr. Davies did not answer. —Reuters.

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TIENTSIN HOTELS PACKED WITH EVACUEES AWAITING TRANSPORTATION FROM CHINA

FAO search for nutrients

Scientists of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization are searching for new sources of nutrients among little-known foods, taking as a lead the fact that people in under-developed countries sometimes get their vitamins and mineral salts in supplementary foods gathered in the fields and forests.

The FAO has learned of a jungle-dwelling tribe of Indians who do not drink milk, but seem to have found a nourishing substitute, for at least one month of the year, in ants.

They eat them raw or roasted.

These ants are available only in the month of August, but the tribesmen keep well-nourished the rest of the year on game, birds and supplementary foods with a high vitamin, protein and mineral content.

Scientists of FAO's Nutrition Division who have studied the native foods of some countries have stressed the great possibilities of research on little-known foods.

Only last year the nutritionists discovered that the Barbados cherry, of Latin America and the date, a mango-shaped fruit grown in Africa, are the highest sources of Vitamin C yet found in the world. Both these foods play an important part in the native diets.

Other seldom heard, but nutritious food sources include the gingerbread plum, and the seeds and fruit of the Shea tree.

New Insurance Co. opens

The Far East Insurance Company Limited, a newly-registered Hong Kong company, formally opened for business at No. 5, Bonham Strand East, 3rd floor, yesterday.

The directors of the company, headed by Dr. S. N. Chao, chairman, are all leading Hong Kong Chinese business men. The company transacts fire and marine business.

In celebration of the event the directors were hosts at a large Chinese dinner party at the Kom Ling Restaurant last night, at which nearly 200 friends and well-wishers were present.

TRIAL OF SOLDIER ACCUSED OF RAPE BEGINS AT SESSIONS

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Mr. Mok for the defence then asked the complainant that she had never carried a handbag at all that night, and that she was imagining things when she thought she saw the article protruding from the accused's pocket. If she in fact carried one, he went on, the many articles found in her pockets would have been in the bag instead. Complainant denied this.

Further questioned, complainant admitted she never actually saw the accused actually hit her with his fists.

Complainant, in reply to queries, said she never drank, but that she danced. From 8 to 12 that night, she had been at a dance with a friend. She went to such dances occasionally, she added.

Mr. Mok then put it to her that she was never on the ground at the time of the alleged incident, as her clothes did not show much mud.

Asked why she did not at the time shout for help, the complainant asserted that she did not have the strength then to do so, even though the camp in which she resided was some 30 yards away.

Mr. Mok: I put it to you, that the accused never went up the hillside with you, and that he was not the man you found on top of you when you woke up.

Complainant: I am sure it was he.

But it is to you that it was, too dark to see the face of the man concerned. No, there was enough light to see him.

Following further cross-examination, hearing adjourned until this morning.

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Business in Tientsin is at a standstill, except for the hotels which are packed to capacity with transit passengers waiting to be evacuated from Communist China.

It is estimated that about 1,500 Europeans are crowding the hotels in Tientsin waiting for transportation facilities to leave China. Most of them are former residents in Shanghai who recently arrived in the Northern port after the Communist authorities had given them permission to travel overland.

According to latest arrivals from Tientsin in the ss. Hupeh which sailed from that port on April 29 and arrived in Hong Kong yesterday, all the evacuees seemed to have the impression that they are leaving China for good. There is little prospect that their businesses in China could expect a recovery in the near future.

Local foreign residents in Tientsin now number about 100 half of whom are British.

Tientsin experienced a sudden change only two months ago when the Communist Government began vigorously enforcing its economic policy. Heavy taxation and the purchase of Victory Bonds almost changed the aspect of the city overnight.

The effect of this policy has been that people in Tientsin who used to be much better off than those in the rural districts, are now more miserable than the inhabitants along the lower reaches of the Hui River.

Roosevelt Road, once the symbol of prosperity in Tientsin, is now as dark as a tunnel after nightfall, as shops on both sides of the road shut their doors as early as 5 p.m.

One or two cabarets are still operating in Tientsin, but they are expected to close down momentarily due to lack of customers.

Rickshaw and pedicab coolies are experiencing the worst phase of their life, for the once generous patrons can no longer afford to pay for rides.

Black market dealings in foreign currency and gold bars are almost nonexistent due to effective control of the financial situation. Occasional arrests of black marketeers were made recently by the Communist authorities.

One Russian was thus arrested and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

California Bear
Asked about the latest situation of the American ship California Bear, a crew member of the ss. Hupeh said that the ship was still being detained by the Communists in Tientsin and the ship's master was ashore, under detention.

It is understood, according to the informant who quoted well-informed sources, that a certain bank in Hong Kong is arranging for the release of the ship by providing a guaranty to the Communist authorities that the bank would pay indemnity for the sinking of the Chinese vessel Shinnan, and the loss of 70 lives on board the vessel after the 6,000 tons American ship had collided with the Chinese ship near Tientsin on April 20.

The informant also said that European crew members of the ss. Hupeh were allowed to go ashore, but they were required to apply for permits with the Communist harbour authority. The applications would be accepted only after 2 p.m. as the Communist officers were busy in the morning. The applicants must give their destination of visit and return to the ship before midnight. Only those who could supply justified reasons could stay ashore overnight.

Before landing, the crew members had to declare everything they brought along to the Communist harbour officers, including watches and fountain pens. The belongings would be checked again when the owner returned to the ship for fear that they might be sold in Tientsin. Foreign currency notes were strictly forbidden to be taken ashore.

The ss. Hupeh sailed from Tientsin on April 29 with 19 European and 38 Chinese passengers on board. Among the European passengers 17 are British.

The European passengers include: Mr. and Mrs. W. Gillon, Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Dobson and their seven-year-old daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Applin, Mr. R. Lock, Mr. F.A. Fairchild, Mr. J. Colquhoun, Mr. J.R. Fletcher, Mr. G.T. Applin, Mrs. E.H. Flanagan, Miss A.P. Applin, Miss E. Fisher, and Mrs. V. Gersgornia.

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AIA COCKTAIL PARTY
The directors and officers of the American International Assurance Company Limited gave a cocktail party at the company's new offices on the 15th floor of Edinburgh House yesterday afternoon.

Mr. G. H. Hughes, managing director, presided at the party.

Other guests included: Mr. and Mrs. W. Gillon, Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Dobson, Mr. and Mrs. Applin, Mr. R. Lock, Mr. F.A. Fairchild, Mr. J. Colquhoun, Mr. J.R. Fletcher, Mr. G.T. Applin, Mrs. E.H. Flanagan, Miss A.P. Applin, Miss E. Fisher, and Mrs. V. Gersgornia.

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He was Dr. Ping Kuo, manager of the oil refinery at Kuching in South West Taiwan, where the experiment took place.

Ping Kuo, 41-year-old native of Hunan, studied chemical engineering at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ching-shan, head of the refinery's laboratory, also suffered fatal injuries. Associated Press.

Corruption charge dismissed

Wong Tak-keung, an anti-malarial inspector, was discharged at Central yesterday by Mr. J. Reynolds on a charge of corruption.

Defendant, who was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, was alleged to have demanded \$200 from a bean-sprout dealer on February 13 so that he would take no action against him in respect of a water hole made by the dealer.

Mr. Reynolds in discharging Wong said, "In this case the prosecution's case is based essentially on that of three witnesses, Tsang Kuei, Ip Kam and Detective Tseung Kuei, and to a lesser extent Kwok Pui."

"The other witnesses, although of considerable importance, are to a great extent complementary to the evidence of those others and give no direct proof of the alleged offence."

"Unless I am satisfied with the evidence of Chan Mun and Ip Kam I feel I would not be justified in holding that the prosecution has made a prima facie case."

"There is no doubt that Chan Mun's evidence in a number of instances contradicts the statement of the case as outlined by Inspector Cochrane. Although this is not a matter to be given undue weight, nevertheless it is one thing that must be considered in assessing the reliability of the evidence of Chan Mun."

"The account given by Tsang Kuei of the events of February 13 leading to the arrest of the defendant differed in a large number of instances with that given by Chan Mun and these contradictions are by no means confined to details."

"I accept the evidence of Sub-Inspector Hung but the evidence was not consistent with the defendant's explanation as put in cross examination and so adds little or nothing to the Crown case."

"I have therefore come to the conclusion that the evidence for the Crown is not such as could reasonably satisfy a jury that the accusation has been established."

FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
A Chinese pedestrian was knocked down by a route number seven bus near Queen's Road West at about noon yesterday.

The injured person was immediately rushed to a hospital but died while on his way there. According to eye witnesses, the bus which was travelling from Aberdeen to town, knocked down the pedestrian while coming into Queen's Road West from Pokfulam Road.

The pedestrian was crushed against the wall along the street before the bus came to a stop.

ARMED ROBBERY IN UN LONG
Five masked men, all armed, made their way into a tenement house on Taling Street, Un Long, New Territories, at about 10 a.m. yesterday and got away with a small safe containing a considerable sum of money and valuables.

At about the same time also on the mainland, some gold ornaments and cash to a total value of about \$1,500 were stolen by unidentified thieves from the second floor of 81, Sapo Road.

Both cases were reported to the police after the incidents occurred and the police last night were investigating into the cases.

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Reminders

Today

HK Rotary Club luncheon screening of "The Story of Money" Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
European YMCA Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Dancing Class, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Billy Tingle's physical course, 8 p.m. Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Lecture on "Chinese Snail" by Madame N. du Breuil, at YWCA, Duddell St., 3 p.m.
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, at Duddell's offices, HK Bank Bldg., 11 a.m.
Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10.15 a.m.
HK Light Orchestra, rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.45 p.m.
Soccer League Management Committee meeting, HK Football Association Office, 5.30 p.m.

Coming events

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Nine Dragons Services Club, Dancing class, 6-7 p.m.; film "Isle of Dead," 8 p.m.
HK Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, monthly meeting, China Fleet Club theatre, 5.30 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Whist Drive, 7.45 p.m.

Sino-British Club Story Competition

Mr. R. G. Bellini has been awarded the Sino-British Club Literary Group's HK\$50 First Prize in the Club's Short Story Competition. The winner's story was entitled "Dance (Sic) Macabre".

Mr. D.A. German's "Sunset" won the Second Prize of HK\$25. There were 21 English and 10 Chinese entries in the Competition.

Arrangements are being made for the broadcasting over Radio Hong Kong and Rediffusion of the more suitable of the two prize-winning stories.

The judges of the English entries were Miss Mary Mather, Mr. Austin Coates and Mr. B. Mellor. It is their opinion that the setting of all the stories is Hong Kong, not enough attention has been paid to this condition by the competitors. In the construction of incidents, and any of the stories submitted could have happened in London or New York for all the difference made to the events narrated.

The judges of Chinese entries were Prof. M. M. Chan, Mr. Kwun-po and Mr. Ip Kam. They ruled that the standard of the Chinese short stories submitted did not justify the awarding of a First and a Second Prize.

Consolation prizes of \$5 each were given to Mr. M. M. Chan, Mr. Kwun-po and Mr. Ip Kam. They ruled that the standard of the Chinese short stories submitted did not justify the awarding of a First and a Second Prize.

Manuscripts will be returned only on request accompanied by a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Swimming pool for King George V school planned
The Chairman of the King George V School Parents' Association, Mr. John Bevie, said yesterday that initial inquiries are being made about the possibility of constructing an outdoor swimming pool at the school.

Mr. Bevie, addressing an informal meeting of the association at the European YMCA yesterday, said the estimated cost of the pool would be HK\$100,000.

He added that the Association is now seeking Government's attitude to such a project, and that no action would be taken until the suggestion has been studied by the authorities.

The proposed site of the pool would be on the school grounds.

Hobbies discussed
At a meeting, which was attended by more than 20 parents, parents discussed extra-curricular activities, such as photography, stamp collecting, debating societies and woodcraft for the students at the school hours and on Saturdays.

The possibility of securing supervisors for these activities is to be studied further.

Another suggestion, generally endorsed by the parents, was that regular student parties should be held on the school premises to give the students the opportunity of gaining more police and social training.

This suggestion was also adopted for further study.

Two tools of gold belonging to Wong Mal-gui, merchant, was ordered to be confiscated by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday when Wong was charged with possession of 6.5 tins of gold at the railway station on Sunday.

Former policeman, gardener accused of killing detective

A former member of the Hong Kong Police is jointly standing trial with a gardener on a charge of murdering a local detective, the only motive for which is said to be his desire for possession of the deceased's revolver. Discovered in a thickly wooded hill at Shek O handcuffed to a sapling, the deceased's body was in such an advanced state of decomposition that the head had detached itself from the torso.

The two accused are Chen Sum, gardener, and Chan Hung-sang alias Chan Hung-kwong. They are alleged to have taken part in the murder of Ching Man-chun, Hong Kong Police detective, around July 9 last year.

The prisoners are being tried at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. E. St. Williams, Acting Chief Justice, and by an all-men jury.

Chen is defended by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Johnson Stokes and Master. The second accused is represented by Mr. T. A. Alton on the instructions of Deacons.

The prosecution is conducted by Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr. J. Johnston, Assistant Director Criminal Investigation.

At the commencement of the hearing yesterday, Mr. D'Alton for the second accused applied for a separate trial for the two prisoners on the grounds that the statements of the first accused amounted to an attack on the second accused.

Mr. Chen supported Mr. D'Alton's application, which was opposed by the Crown. The Court dismissed it after hearing submissions from all sides on this point.

Opening his case, Crown Counsel told the jury that it would appear in the course of the trial that the evidence will be given to show that Chan Hung-sang, who is in prison for obtaining money by false pretences, this fact has nothing to do whatsoever with the present charge, he pointed out.

Turning to the facts in the case, Mr. Lonsdale said the deceased, a detective, made an appointment with a friend of his at a tea-house one evening as a result of the friend's promise that he would teach him to drive.

Shortly after 9.25 p.m. the detective received an urgent call at the tea-house, and left his friend. He was never seen alive again.

The friend waited for him until it was late. As he did not show up again, he went over to the police station to look for him in vain.

The police then made inquiries in this connection. As a result of information received, they eventually traced second accused, and questioned him. In the course of interrogation, he said he had known the missing detective and had spoken to him the day before his disappearance.

Asked whether or not the man had left the Colony to join the Communists, second accused said he did not know about this, but that the detective concerned might have had ulterior motive for his disappearance.

As a result of further information eventually received, the police found a gun in the possession of a woman kept by the second accused. In the latter's own house, it was identified as having previously belonged to the missing detective. It's serial number had been filed off the outside, but the numbers on the interior were still intact.

Under further questioning, second accused admitted he knew Chen (Sum), first accused, casually, though he said he had not seen him at all around the date of the disappearance of the law officer.

Body found
On being arrested, Chen made a statement to the police to the effect that he knew where the missing man was to be found. Consequently, he took the police to a remote seashore and up a thickly wooded hill. There, handcuffed to a sapling, was the body of the deceased in an advanced state of decomposition.

Various articles found at the body helped establish the identity of the deceased. Some wire was found around the gruesome body, whose head had become detached. Nearby, the police found a toy pistol.

The deceased's body was reconstructed by a doctor, and it was identified as the deceased.

Crown Counsel then suggested that second accused must have hired a man to help him to kill the deceased, and that he, with some others, picked up the deceased and took him to the lonely spot.

The motive for the murder is that the second accused wanted the deceased's revolver, which he had hidden in the hill of the deceased's disappearance, and with some others, picked up the deceased and took him to the lonely spot.

After corroborative evidence was given by two witnesses, the trial adjourned until 10 a.m. today.

Deaths from Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis claimed 49 deaths in the week ended March 29, according to the Health Return released yesterday.

There were also three deaths from diphtheria, two from measles, and one each from dysentery and enteric fever.

Total deaths from all causes in the period under review was 294 as against 1,293 births.

Financial Secretary returns

The Financial Secretary, Mr. C. G. S. Follows, returned from the United Kingdom by British Overseas Airways yesterday.

Mr. Follows was in the UK discussing matters in connection with the Colony's finance.

Upon his arrival, he told reporters that the main topics of discussion was the clearing of the Colony's outstanding claims connected with the last war.

He was met at Kai Tak by his wife.

Court Brevities

Twasaki Yataro, Japanese slow-way who was found on board the ss. Hebe, when she arrived here from Fusan, Korea, last Saturday, was ordered by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday to be sent back to Korea. Inspector J. Orem stated that passage has already been arranged for defendant's departure from the Colony next Wednesday.

A total of 162 hawkers, including 69 juveniles, drew fines ranging from \$5 to \$15 at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday for hawking without licence. Most of the juveniles were fined \$5 while 10 among them had their balls of \$20 each estimated when they failed to turn up in court. In addition 11 shoe-shine boys were fined \$5 each for carrying on their trade without a licence.

On four charges of armed robbery and possession of an imitation revolver, Wong Kin, unemployed, was committed to stand trial by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was alleged to have committed two robberies on the stairs of 17C Chatham Road on February 24, and on the stairs of 24A Granville Road on March 28. The victims were Miss Cheung Yuk-king, who was robbed of a bracelet, and Wong Si-yung, who was robbed of \$70.

Detective Sub-inspector B. A. Newman was in charge of the case.

On a charge of unlawfully having under her control a Mauser pistol and 13 rounds of ammunition, Law Yuet-kwai, 40-year-old widow, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector C. Dowman prosecuting said that defendant brought the arms here from Canton on April 27 for someone else for a financial consideration.

The pistol and the bullets were later found in the possession of Wong Chap, 28-year-old unemployed, in Shuangshui. Wong is facing criminal proceedings, the hearing of which was fixed for June 2.

FRANCE URGED TO QUIT INDO-CHINA
Luu Duc Truong, spokesman of the Vietnam Nationalist Revolutionary League, which is seeking independence from France as well as Communism and who is taking refuge in Taipei, issued a statement yesterday, in which he urged the French Government to quit Indo-China.

He said: "The Vietnamese question requires more than a military solution. It also needs a proper political settlement." United Press.

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Application forms may be obtained on personal application at the Labour Department, third floor, Fire Brigade Building, and should be completed and returned before 31st May, 1950.

May 8, 1950.

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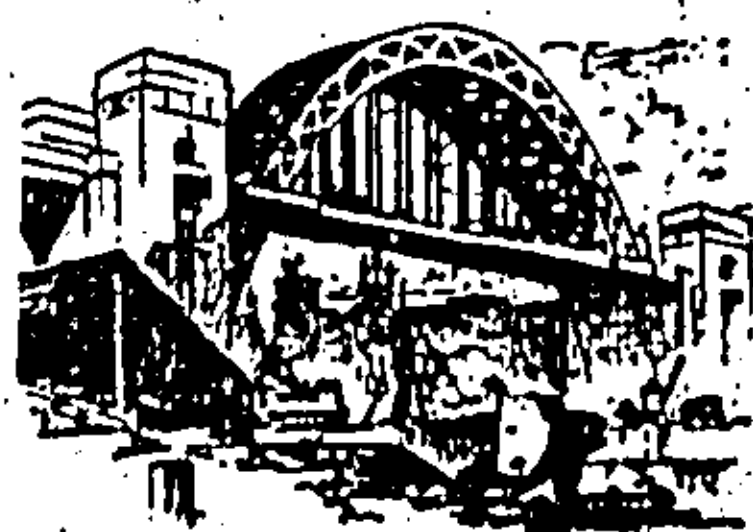
Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Second Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 20th May, 1950, at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1949 and transacting the ordinary business of an ordinary annual meeting.

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 10th to the 20th May, 1950, both days inclusive.

By-Order of the Board,
LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.

U. S. R. C.

The Anniversary Cocktail Party will be held at the Club on Wednesday, 10th May, 8.30-8.00 p.m. Tickets \$5.00, now on sale at the Club.



NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM ASSOCIATION NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Friday, 12th April, 1950, commencing at 8.30 p.m. in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel.

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False pretences case in second hearing

The case against Lilly Stewart, alias Cheung Wai-har, Chang Shui-pun and Cheung Man-po, charged with obtaining money by false pretences, entered its second hearing before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendants were alleged to have obtained two cheques for \$5,000 each on two different occasions from complainants Thomas Kwong and J. K. Sun by falsely pretending that first defendant Lilly Stewart held a Crown lease on the site now known as the Rainbow Amusement Park at the junction of Lai-chikok and Nathan Roads for a term of 75 years and was at the time in possession of a government licence to operate an amusement park on the site.

Defendants were represented by Mr. Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. F. D. Hammond, while Mr. M. A. da Silva represented the prosecution.

J. K. Sun, the first prosecution witness called to the stand, said that he first met second and third defendants on January 14 at a restaurant where they asked him to participate in the development of the park and that \$105,000 would be required. Of this sum, \$40,000 would be spent in construction and the rest was to be given to first defendant as "tea money".

Power of attorney would be given complainants upon the first payment of \$20,000. A contract would be signed on the termination of the power of attorney at the end of 10 days upon payment of \$115,000, while the balance of \$30,000 was to be paid in three instalments.

In return they (complainants) would have control of the concern and Thomas Kwong was to be the chief manager. Complainants were also to have power to grant concessions. Once the park had started they were to give first defendant \$10,000 while second and third defendants were to receive 30 per cent of the profits.

Cheque paid

After two further meetings with second and third defendants complainants were introduced to first defendant on January 17 at 229 Nathan Road second floor, where the first cheque (a crossed cheque) for \$5,000 was paid to Lilly Stewart. Here, it was alleged, power of attorney was given by Lilly Stewart to third defendant Cheung Man-po.

The next day, second and third defendants accompanied by first defendant's son, visited Sun and asked that the cheque be exchanged for one made out to cash. Witness complied.

On January 19 another cheque for \$5,000 was paid to first defendant at a restaurant in addition to \$100 in cash for expenses.

On the afternoon of the same day at a cafe on the Hong Kong side first defendant mentioned to complainants that one of her houses had been mortgaged and that she needed money to meet the mortgage. Subsequently two payments of \$1,000 and \$1,500 were made to Lilly Stewart in advance on the construction of the park.

By this time suspicion began to enter the minds of the complainants, who on January 24 were told by first defendant: "Do you suspect that I mean to deceive you?" They were told that the agreement would be handed over to them in her solicitor's office. Hearing continues today.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

Latest donations to the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association are:—Previously acknowledged \$18,656. Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries \$1,000. Messrs. John D. Hutchison & Co. Ltd. \$1,000. Hon. P. B. Cassidy \$100. Mr. J. D. Clarke \$100. Mr. Cheng Tin-ang \$100. Staff of Standard Vacuum Oil Co. \$412. Total \$21,368.

NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that the forty-first Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 9th May 1950, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1949.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 25th April to 9th May 1950, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, April 14, 1950.

Report on Jap trawler doubted

The Harbour authorities concerned said yesterday that they doubted the authenticity of a vernacular Press report that a Japanese fishing trawler had arrived in Hong Kong's territorial waters.

The reports said that the trawler arrived at Cheung Chau Island at 3 p.m. on Sunday, the authorities there would have brought the trawler to Hong Kong.

Quoting the Japanese master of the trawler, the vernacular reports said that he stated he was compelled to make for Hong Kong in view of the threatening attitude of two Nationalist gunboats.

When the Nationalists refused to accept his explanation that the trawler was only engaged in fishing, he ordered the trawler to Hong Kong at top speed.

He added, according to the reports, that after disposing of the catch, the trawler will proceed to Japan.

Yacht's repair bills paid up

A Philippine businessman was reported yesterday to have paid more than HK\$20,000 in back repair bills for the yacht, Mistress II—formerly owned by an alleged Manila arms smuggler, Mr. George Murray.

The yacht has been in Hong Kong harbour since last summer, when it came to Hong Kong from Manila for repairs and refitting.

The businessman was described as a "restaurant owner" in Manila.

Several members of the Volador's crew are reported to be living on the Mistress II awaiting orders from the Manila owner.

The yacht Volador, owned by American, Mr. Gordon Ross, is currently held by Communist authorities in Fort Bayard.

The Volador's crew of 11 men entered the Colony after two months' imprisonment in Communist China on April 20.

Formerly, a local dock company in Hong Kong was preparing to sell the Mistress II for back repair bills.

The yacht is now free to leave Hong Kong.

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S Q 8 0
H 4 2
DK Q 10 4
CA Q 10 0
S K J 3 2
HK Q 10 5
DJ 9 7 5
C J

Dealer: East, East-West, vulnerable.
East South West North
Pass Pass Pass 1 D
Pass 1 H Pass 2 C
Pass 2 H Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 C

Having heard North's apologetic No Trump bid along the way and hoping it betokened possession of the spade "Q" without the K, East led the same as he would against a No Trump contract, if opening his partner's spade suit. His 10 was won by the K, the 2 return by the 9 and the A, the club 3 was led then to the J and A, whereupon North sent the diamond K to the A. Now the club 9 was

returned to the 10, the diamond Q scored and the diamond 4 ruffed by the club 5.

North scored the heart A and led the 9 to the 10. West returned the K, North ruffing with the club 6 and being over-ruffed by the 8. East returned the club 7 to make the K and Q fall together, and the last trick had to be given up by the heart 3 to the Q. That made seven tricks for the defenders, who set the declarer three tricks.

Childish carelessness had caused North to be down one more trick than was necessary. If he had noticed East's plays on the first two heart leads, the 6 followed by the 3, he would have realised that the high-low indicated no more of the suit. Then, when the K was led by West to the third heart trick, he should have ruffed with his high club Q to make an over-ruff impossible. After that he could have ruffed the diamond 10 with the club K and so would have had two tricks with those two honours instead of one.

Tomorrow's Problem
S 7 3
H 5 7 6 2
D A 5
C A K 7 2

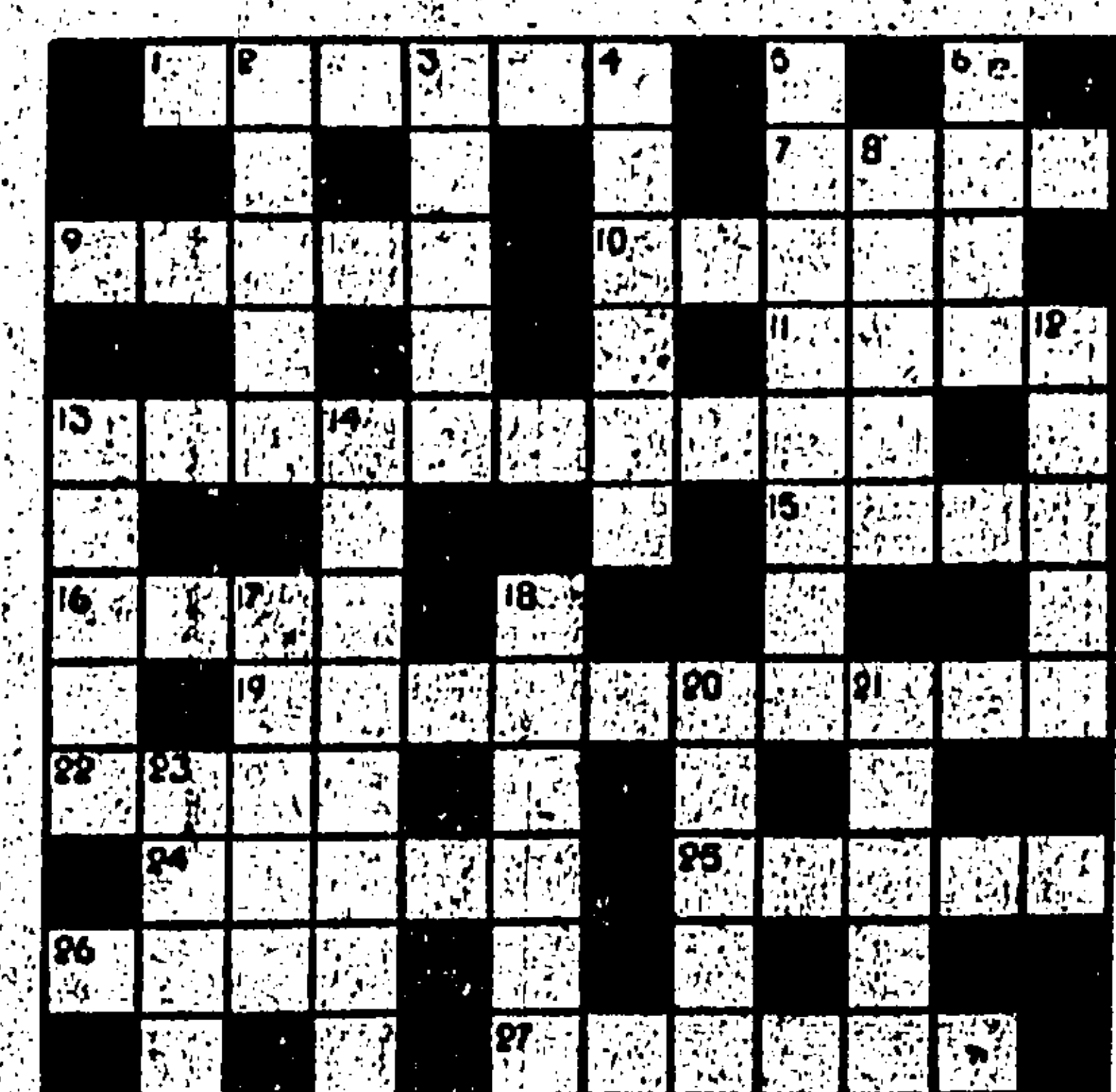
S K J 5 4
HK A 10 5
DK 5 4
C 6 4

SA Q 9 8 2
H 4
D Q 6 2
C 9 8 5 3

S 10 6
H K Q 3
D J 10 9 8 7
C Q J 10
(Dealer: East, Neither side vulnerable.)

If North starts the auction here with 1-Heart, what bidding should follow?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1. Turning-point.
2. Yarn.
3. Artificial.
4. Chides.
5. Kilo.
6. Fibre.
7. Deformity.
8. Hall.
9. Harvest.
10. Sigma.
11. Express.
12. Drill.
13. Runaway.
14. Submit.
15. Memento.
16. Irregular.
17. band.
18. Explosive.
19. Fibre.
20. Fragment.
21. plant.
22. Wall.
23. covering.
24. Sent.
25. abroad.
26. Kesh.
27. Hrawl.
28. Frill.
29. Wadding.
30. Intermision.

Yesterday's Crossword
Across—1. Trance, 4. Valet, 5. Astute, 6. Usage, 10. Sort, 12. Outrage, 13. Irons, 14. Bred, 17. Ties, 18. Silver, 20. Prealed, 21. Ties, 22. Silver, 24. Barent, 25. Clue, 26. Tinsel.
Down—1. Transport, 2. Article, 3. Cite, 5. Absorbed, 6. Tosses, 7. Muted, 8. Treasure, 12. Onset, 13. Aerial, 14. Educated, 15. Arson, 22. Fars.

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FRENCH BIRTH RATE ENDS LONG DECLINE

Paris, May 8.

The apparent stabilisation of the French birth rate at a comparative level not seen in this country since the middle of the last century was reported by the French Demographic Institute here today as a fact without parallel in history.

After an exhaustive analysis of the best available statistics and official data, the institute presented evidence to show that the birth rate, now 40 per cent above the pre-war level, was indicative of an actual transformation of French attitudes regarding maternity and not simply a temporary consequence of the war.

According to the institute which functions under the Health Ministry, no generation of French women since 1863 had, given the prevailing death rates, produced enough female children to assure a full population renewal until the downward trend was reversed radically in 1946.

The institute's findings show that if the present rate is maintained the population of France will increase by approximately 30 per cent in 25 years or 95 per cent each year.

Contrary to the experience of most other countries, it was shown that the French birth rate had not declined sharply from a high point reached soon after the end of hostilities. In 1947, a total of 802,955 children were born alive in France. The 1948 figure was 804,120, while the latest revised figure for 1949 stands at 867,000 for a population estimated at 42,000,000.

The institute's comparative figures for the Netherlands reveal that, by the second quarter of 1949, the birth rate in that country had dropped 28 per cent from the peak reached in the second quarter of 1946. A drop of 20 per cent between the first quarter of 1947 and the second quarter of 1949 was reported for Britain, while the United States birth rate was said to have declined 21 per cent during a similar period.

Striking index

To measure the degree of change since the pre-war years, the institute used as a figure of reference the net rate of female reproduction, or roughly the average number of female children for each mother having passed the menopause. The figure also takes into account the chances that, at a given moment, a newborn female child has of reaching 28 years, the average maternity age. Thus, whatever the life expectancy happens to be, the

Volkswagen in Egypt

Cairo, May 8.

The "Volkswagen," the car Hitler wanted to sell every man in the new Germany, is now on sale in Egypt. Plans call for it to be exported to other countries soon.

Rudi Schwab, Enthusiast of Stuttgart, representative of the Volkswagen plant at Wolfsburg, Germany, said his firm planned to sell 300 cars in Egypt during 1950. The Cairo distributor is the Middle East Enterprise and Distribution Company.

Schwab, listed as prospective customer besides Egypt, Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia. The car, already distributed in most West European countries, will soon be exported to Latin American, South Africa and India.

The Volkswagen retails in Egypt at \$1,202, which is \$133 cheaper than the retail prices in Germany. That is because the manufacturer grants special prices for exported cars, officials explained.

Payments for cars exported to Egypt are being made by offset accounts under a recent German-Egyptian trade agreement. Egyptian pounds are paid to the National Bank of Egypt. They are transferred to the Bank Deutsche Luender in Germany, which pays the Volkswagen Company in German marks.—Associated Press.

SABOTAGE ON BIHAR RAILWAY

Calcutta, May 7.

Railway officials said today that sabotage was responsible for India's worst ever railway accident in which 71 lost their lives today when the crack Punjab mail train jumped a bridge some 200 miles from Calcutta in Bihar State.

The accident occurred today between the railway stations of Jusi and Simulana.

The official announcement added that another 78 were injured. A Bihar State Minister, A. Q. Ansari, who was travelling on the train, put the number of dead as high as 100.

Officials who inspected the train at the bridge said that dozens of fish-plates and bolts had been removed.

These officials said that a similar accident was averted at the same spot last month when truck inspectors found the sleepers and rails near the bridge had been tampered with.

Most of the casualties were women, as the leading coach in the train had been set aside for women travellers.

Ansari said that immediately after the crash a crowd of men in military uniforms came to the scene and started to loot the wreckage and rob the dead and dying.

They disappeared only when he ordered his personal guard to open fire.—Associated Press.

Greek Red resolution

London, May 7.

Greek Communists have denounced the formation of an "Athens-Belgrade-Rome" plan for dividing up Albania, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported in a despatch received in London today.

The Greek Communist Party's Political Bureau issued a resolution also charging that "a secret agreement has already been reached between Tito and the Yugoslav Government aimed at shedding the blood of the peoples of both countries and against the territorial integrity of Greece," according to this report.

The Politburo said that Marshal Tito was planning to "hand over to the monarcho-fascists" Greek children brought to Yugoslavia during the guerrilla fighting in Northern Greece.

It also charged that the "Americans are ready to hand over to Tito Salonika and Preveza (in Northern Greece) to strengthen thereby their imperialist bridgehead in the Balkans."

The Greek Politburo said that the Communist Party of Greece faced the task of "once more taking their place in the forefront ranks of the fighters for the democratic unification of all the forces of the people."

"The Communists are carrying out activity among the troops, among the hundreds of thousands of mobilised sons of the people and organising them for the struggle against the American occupation, against monarcho-fascism, against a new war and for a better life."—Reuter.

THAI ROYALTY CHEERED

Bangkok, May 7.

The King and Queen received cheers from 20,000 subjects at their official public appearance from the balcony of the Royal Palace.

Earlier in the day Rama IX and Queen Sirikit gave audience to diplomatic missions on the occasion of the May 5 coronations.

During their public appearance, a member of the Government read an address on behalf of the people, while the King and Queen sat on the balcony. Then King Phumiphon answered in halting Siamese. While the crowd cheered, he and the smiling Queen waved greetings.—Associated Press.

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Another test for Socialism in Britain

London, May 7.

Socialism as a dominating influence in British politics faces a minor test in local elections this week.

Boroughs and urban districts, with the exception of London, will elect Councillors on a party basis, and regional organisations of Conservative, Labour and Liberal parties have been throwing considerable energy into the campaign.

Socialists were swept into borough and urban councils with big majorities in the Labour landslide of 1945, but since then the Conservatives have been making a steady recovery in the local elections.—Associated Press.

Asiatic opinion of U.S.

New York, May 7.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, said today that Asiatics think the United States is interested only in war with Russia and not the establishment of world security.

The Premier, who arrived in this country last Wednesday, spoke at the Round Table of the Air from the National Broadcasting Company's New York Studio.

The United States should assume a greater role toward helping solve the Kashmir problem through a plebiscite in which the people of Kashmir would decide whether to join Pakistan or India, he said.

The Security Council of the United Nations ordered the plebiscite, but did not set an exact date for the balloting.

Concerning the minority migration problems confronting India and Pakistan, the two nations had agreed to respect minority rights for life, property and personal honour.

In Pakistan, Hindus represent only about 20 per cent of the population. In India, the Moslems are in the minority.

The agreement, Liaquat Ali Khan said, had restored confidence in each country to such an extent that 3,000 Hindus were returning to East Pakistan each day.

Americans seemed to think that all foreigners came here for dollars. The primary purpose of his visit was to acquaint Americans with life, culture and problems of Pakistan and to seek help in developing his country's natural resources.

The Premier and his wife, Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, expect to remain in the U.S. until May 26.—Associated Press.

TRUMAN ON TOUR

Washington, May 7.

President Truman set out today by special train on a 10-day speaking tour of the country. He will travel through 15 States as far as the West Coast and is due to make several major speeches, although only one of them is likely to deal with foreign affairs.

The tour is described by officials as non-political, but the Republican Party has called it a "political junket" designed to try and influence the November Congressional elections.—Reuter.

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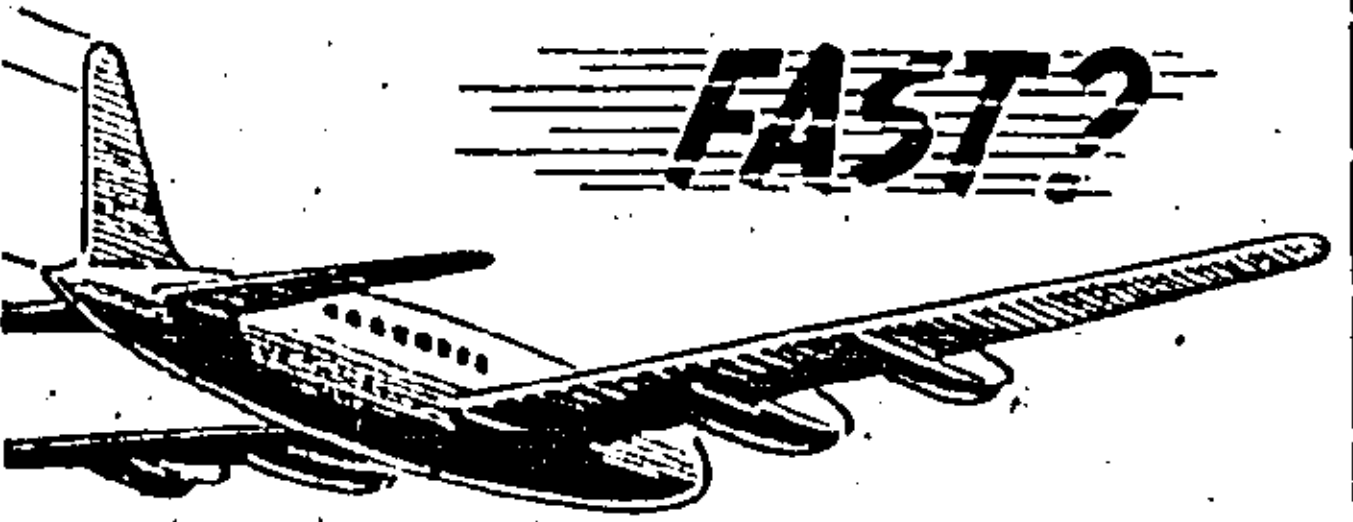
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BIRTH

LEONG—To Lillian, wife of Harold Clarence Leong, on May 5th 1950, at Queen Mary Hospital, a son. Both well.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. G. E. F. Thompson and Family wish to thank all Friends for Letters of sympathy and floral tributes received during their recent bereavement.

MEN WHO DO THINGS

The annual dinner of the Engineering Society of Hong Kong was notable for two things: the spirited reply by the Governor to charges that Hong Kong is a goddess and uncharitable city, and the retiring President's remarkable recital of the contribution of the engineers to the progress and recovery of the Colony.

The planter and miner in Malaya received their just due of public recognition only because of the siege and peril imposed upon them by the jungle war. But behind the whole transformation of the areas of East Asia occupied by the Japanese lies the work of the engineer, whose saga has yet to be written. The restoration of communications was the first necessity, and miracles were accomplished all the way from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific in the restoration of railways and ports that had been in many cases smashed to smithereens.

The chaos which confronted the liberation forces seem like a nightmarish dream today: it was a bitter reality a few years ago. The state of the ports of Rangoon, Singapore, and Hong Kong, and the hundreds of smashed bridges along the railways in Burma and Siam, was one of the most formidable of all problems facing those whose job it was to bring the rice of the producing countries to the famished millions who depended upon it, and to get economic activity going again.

Nobody seems to have received any excessive signs of gratitude for this work. It was justly earned nevertheless. The transformation in two years was simply unbelievable even to those who saw it with their own eyes. It is, too, a process that is still going on in spite of all tensions, all fears for the future, all the severe distractions of international crisis.

Mr. Miller reported continued progress in all the four chief fields of engineering in Hong Kong, apart from the work of the military engineers. Two stately new buildings—Telephone House and Edinburgh House—large blocks of Government apartments in King's Park and Queen's Gardens, and private residential quarters running into many hundreds have been completed during the year; port facilities have been further improved; and the activities of the Public Works Department continued to present themselves to the eye—not always, alas, without irritation to the motorist, who admires a repaired road as much as he jibs at roads under repair. Kowloon's double-decker buses, the Peak Tram's new light-weight car, and the new "streamlined" trams are further indications of progress. The rehabilitation of the two large dock-yards, substantial improvements in power plants, the rebuilding of the large sugar

refinery, the laying of the keel of a seven-thousand-ton ship, and the construction of many factories are among many other things that add to the sum of the engineer's extraordinary record of achievement in this Colony in the few years since British rule returned.

These things can often be taken too much for granted. They are there for the record, and should be noted for the wonderful achievement they represent. More has to be done and will be done when the funds are forthcoming. Comparisons are odious, but these developments are shown up in true perspective when we see so contrasting a trend next door to us. There the spirit and aspiration to build anew have yet to be fulfilled in bricks and cement, though great work has been done in restoring railway traffic.

Critics may say that the like of the incentive: the fact remains that behind it all lies the urge of the engineer to do things, to build things, for it is their care that the gear engages and the switches lock. The engineer may be well or ill paid, but his delight pre-eminently lies in the work of his brain and hands.

The two statements of achievement were well blended, for the Governor supplemented the record in concrete with a defence of the social consciousness of the Colony, its social services, in which much more can be done when money allows; its many public charities; and its hospitality. He claimed that Hong Kong has a higher percentage of refugees in its population than any other city or metropolis in the world. It is a claim as true as it is timely.

Fireside Echoes—No. 2:

VILLAGE AMUSEMENTS

By Wm. M.S. Brand

The dice are crude bone articles dropped into a large china rice-bowl. One person, or a group, act as banker and the betting is very similar to the American game familiarly known as "craps", that is to say, certain combinations of numbers (with two or three dice) thrown by the banker sweeps the table of all bets, or merely the three main compass points (East always represented by the banker) of South, West and North, or he pays out on all immediately retaining the dice. The banker has the option of passing the bank whenever desired.

Three colours

The cards are oblong, made of waxed stiffened paper, and of three colours, red, yellow, and green, crudely printed with symbolical seasonal designs represented by a Chinese character on all, and a flower and an animal, divided into the sets of varying value. Two or more can participate. Each player has dealt a certain number of cards. The balance of the deck is stacked, faces down, in the centre of the table. Two or more players.

Players then sort their hands by sets (corresponding to the Western four suits), retaining huffers (corresponding to the foker in foreign decks, with pairs or over. The dealer's mences by drawing a card of the pile. If a huffer is immediately laid on the table in front of the player with whatever is the highest set in hand requiring one card to complete, and continues to draw from the pile until a useless card is drawn, which is discarded on the table. The next player (anti-clockwise) has right to pick this discard up to complete a set, in which case it must be laid on the table immediately, otherwise to draw from the pile. And so on until someone fully completes his hand.

The player so out wins the table stakes, though not necessarily having the highest score in total hand-value. The players holding the highest values collect in turn from the others. Thus one person can win out to each of the other players. The game is played for a fixed stake for each deal, for a number of deals, or for so many points up. This game appeals to old women especially.

Another important Chinese game is mah-jong. The game originated in North China. It is played universally throughout China with variations to suit each province. The nature of the game is too well-known to warrant description here; but an attempt to describe its unique history will be made, as this is little known even in Chinese circles.

Like Bridge, it is a game of skill requiring a small stake unless the game becomes a ridiculous form of passing hours away; like Poker, each player plays for himself to win, but co-operates with the other three players immediately it is scored anyone is out to make a "limit" hand; the more so should the banker be attempting this, as the banker enjoys the privilege of an extra double-up on the total count.

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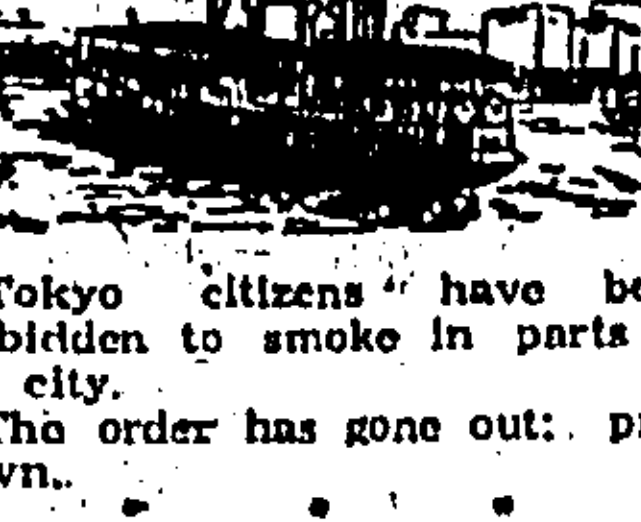
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Good Morning!



Tokyo citizens have been forbidden to smoke in parts of the city.

The order has gone out: pipe down.

It is worthy of note that the local Sikh community is not in need of medical attention.

According to reports, the Reds are making every attempt to tie up the Paracels.

"One question must be answered—Eden."

Darwin did his best.

It is perhaps appropriate that a tax on babies has been suggested in the Karnal district of India.

"Russians turning seas into lakes."

Oh, dry up.

Picture guide.

"Andante" is a horror film taking place in a dentist's office, with a chorus of toothsome beauties in precision drills. Only way to enjoy the show is to take novocaine.

"I Remember Llama" will raise the roof of the world. Want Tibet on it? Plenty of yaks in an all-animal cast.

"The Hairy Hellcat" is the tragic story of a frustrated bearded lady who falls in love with a razor blade manufacturer. They have a lot of little shavers. The sequel, "Life with Lather," is worth missing too.

Keep your eye on the chap who claims he is head of the house. He may lie about other things, too.

Political demonstrators in London, says a local report, attempted the day the coronation political processions.

Defiance didn't impress the police, however, and the demonstrators ended up, after all, in the can.

"I'm not going out with that man any more," said the sweet young thing, "I'm sure he's married." Last night, when I was sitting on his knee, he gave me his watch to play with.

The ukulele has come back to popularity, and one manufacturer has produced an inexpensive plastic instrument that can be played under water—catering, one assumes, for the clientele that prefers to use pens in the same way.

Stick in the mud?

Chief of German affairs in the State Department is Henry Byroade.

Sounds awfully easy to sidetrack.

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RUSSIA TRYING TO INFLAME GERMANS AGAINST ALLIES

Berlin, May 8.

Russia wants to provoke undying enmity between the German people and the Western powers. This is the implied aim behind the Soviet scheme for 500,000 young Germans to march on Berlin.

Under Communist orders, the "Free German Youth" will occupy the city's Russian sector on May 27-30. A propaganda spectacle not seen in Germany since the Nazi party rallies at Nuremberg will be staged amid the East Side ruins.

Australian troops for Malaya?

Darwin, May 7.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the British Commissioner-General in South East Asia, may shortly discuss the despatch of Australian troops to Malaya with the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, the British Paymaster-General, Lord Macdonald, said here today.

Lord Macdonald has flown in as head of the British delegation to the Commonwealth Conference on aid to South and South East Asia, opening in Sydney on May 15.

He said that Mr. MacDonald, who is also attending the Conference, is coming to Australia today, two days earlier than expected. The Commissioner-General could then talk over with Mr. Menzies various proposals affecting the two countries outside the scope of an economic conference. These were most likely military matters and would probably include the sending of Australian troops, Lord Macdonald added.

Asked if the Conference would not discuss the military situation in South East Asia, Lord Macdonald said that its terms of reference provided only for debating economic problems. But he thought that the two were inseparable.

The conference was of tremendous international importance, he also said. More than 500 million people—about a quarter of the population of the world—lived in South and South East Asia.

He hoped that the joint effort of the Commonwealth countries and the countries immediately affected would be able to assess the development most urgently required, estimate the cost involved and establish how far the countries concerned could help in their own development.—Reuter.

SHAH BURIED IN TEHRAN

Tehran, May 7.

Six gun salutes were fired here today when the remains of Shah Reza Pahlavi, who died six years ago, was taken to its £500,000 mausoleum. The mausoleum, called "Hazret Abdul Azim," has taken four years to build.

The Shah, the father of the present Shah, died in Johannesburg in 1944, three years after abdicating, and was buried in Cairo. His body was brought back by air.

All countries with diplomatic relation with Persia were represented at today's funeral, except Soviet Russia and other Communist countries.

(The Soviet Government announced eight days ago that it would not send a representative to the funeral of the Shah, who was described in Moscow as "a puppet of Hitler").

The present Shah, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, other members of the Royal Family and more than 350 members of foreign missions attended.—Reuter.

AUSTRIAN POW'S IN RUSSIA

Vienna, May 7.

Austria's Minister of the Interior, Dr. Oskar Helmer, yesterday demanded that Russia return an estimated 6,000 Austrian prisoners of war still held in the Soviet Union.

He asked that, at least, Russia should give a list of prisoners who have died in the past five years.

(On Friday, the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, challenged Russia to reveal the fate of 1,500,000 German prisoners of war. He quoted Russian figures for the 1,500,000 prisoners still left in Russian hands, and told an angry Parliament: "We cannot believe that all of these died in prison or fell by the wayside during the long marches into captivity.")—Reuter.

Leaders of the FDJ will have a two-fold mission at Whit-

sun: to inflame German hatred against the Allies, especially the United States, and to agitate for the unity of Germany on Soviet terms.

The Allied General Commanding West Berlin are prepared to cope with an attempted putsch, but they consider it unlikely at this time.

To defend West Berlin at all costs, 7,500 American, British and French troops will be on combat alert.

The anti-riot front line will be held by West Berlin's entire police force of 9,000 men.

The demonstration's leaders are toning down their former wild threats that "all Berlin must be ours," and "those Berlin bastards will soon be kicking the bucket."

Instead, they are talking about "discipline" and "avoidance of disorders."

These sober second-thoughts appear directly attributable to firmer measures taken by the Western powers.

Two hundred FDJ zealots were gaoled recently in West Berlin for illegal distribution of leaflets.

For the first time, the Allies have created a joint Berlin staff, which meshes their political and military forces into one hard-hitting machine.

They have let it be known that not only are their local garrisons trained to suppress street violence, but similarly trained battalions in West Germany can be flown here in an hour or two.

Physically, the Allies hold Berlin more strongly than ever. But psychologically?

As a weapon of psychological warfare, the Soviet-instigated "Free German Youth" poses its highest threat now.

Can't be matched

The Western powers have nothing to match this strange mass organisation, which has mushroomed to 1,000,000 members in East Germany since 1949.

Its cells extend to the Bonn Republic, but there its influence is furtively weak. In Russian-occupied territory, on the other hand, it is vested with great authority over the younger generation.

Only Hitler ever tried before to capture the minds and hearts of young Germans with such regimentation.

Walter Ulbricht, ruthless leader of the Socialist Unity (Communist) Politburo in East Germany, is likewise the master strategist of the FDJ.

The FDJ embraces East Germany aged 14 to 24. They are of overwhelming importance for the future, because older classes from 25 to 40 were largely wiped out in the war.

The voting limit in East Germany is only 18 years. Three out of five FDJ are already eligible for the franchise.

Many officers

The FDJ also contains many officers in the East German Police-Army. The FDJ hierarchy is filled with card-holding Communists.

Although it is not a political party, the FDJ has a block of 10 seats in the seven-month-old East German Parliament, where not a single dissenting vote on Communist legislation has been cast.

A Communist-written law has given the FDJ a monopoly on scholarships, sport facilities and new Government jobs.

The FDJ has been entrusted with a publicly-financed programme to train glider pilots for a future air force. It has been authorised to set up civilian espionage centres in all East German communities to denounce alleged spies and collaborators of the Western powers.

It has supplied 200,000 "young activists" to State-owned industries—elite workers who fix speed-up norms for rank and file labour.

WAR NOT LIKELY SAYS SCAP

Darwin, May 7.

General MacArthur has told a group of Australian journalists that there is nothing to indicate that the current cold war between Russia and what he described as the Anglo-Saxon nations would develop into a shooting war.

The journalists, arriving here today, made public additional details of their interview last week with the Supreme Commander. General MacArthur also remarked that he still held to his original views that the wisest decision made at the Potsdam conference was to exempt Emperor Hirohito—whom he described as Japan's No. 1 democrat—from war crimes trial.

Discussing relations between Russia and America, General MacArthur said it seemed neither country wanted war and that each was arming for defensive and not offensive purposes. If either America or Russia had wanted war it would have come already. In the past two years there had been several incidents which 20 years ago would have precipitated armed conflict.

General MacArthur pointed out that the American defence line had shifted in the last decade from virtually the coast of California to the East coast of Asia, stretching Northwards to the Aleutians and Southwards to Australia. He was convinced the Soviets could not launch an amphibious attack against the defence line with any hope of success unless they should first gain mastery of the air and the seas.

From Okinawa alone the Americans would be able to send not fewer than 10,000 missions daily, effectively dealing with any attempt by the enemy to build up an invasion fleet, he added.—United Press.

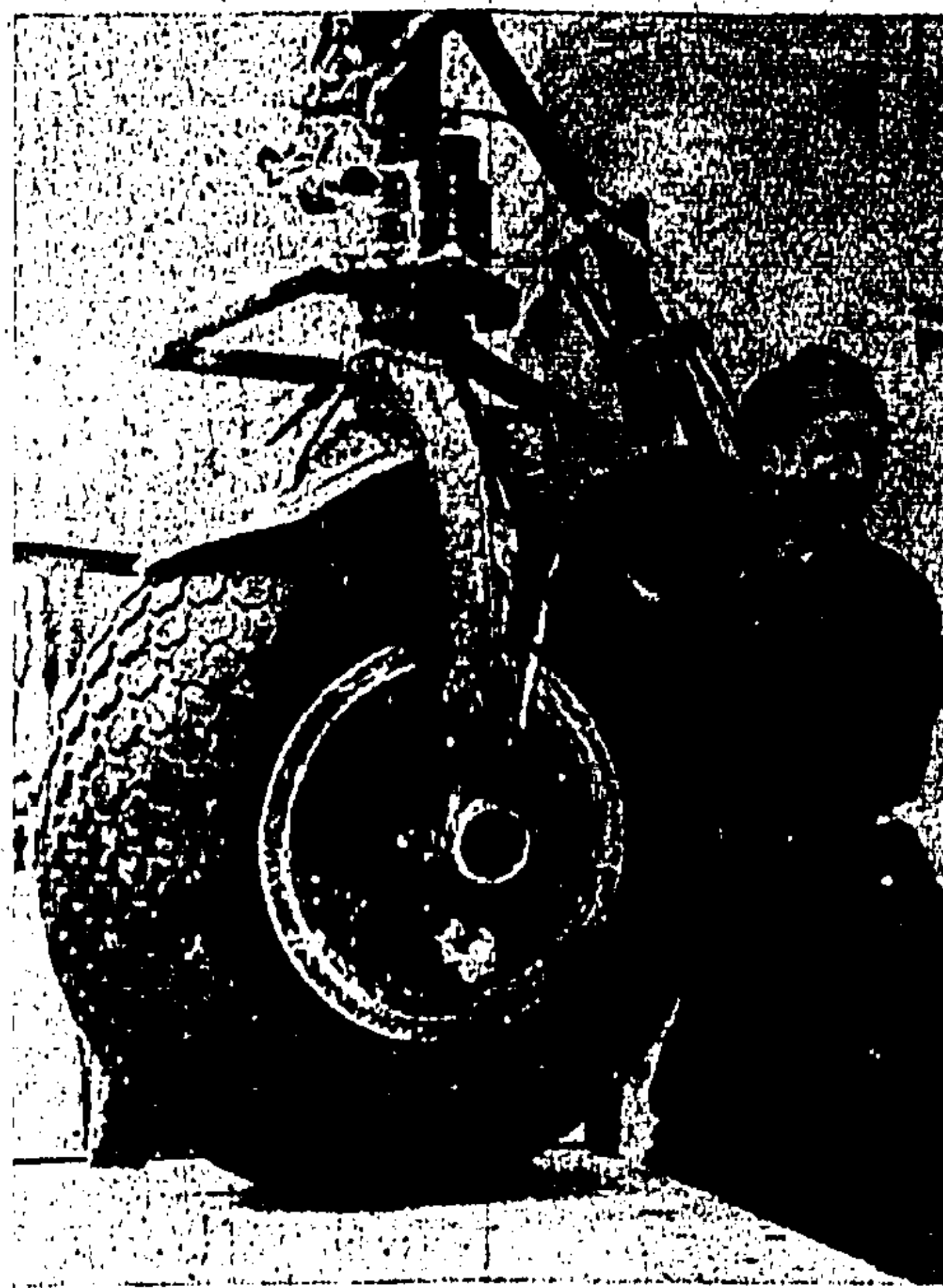
HAVANA STRIKE

Havana, May 7.

Workers on the British-owned United Railways of Havana in Cuba have started workshop strikes and a traffic slow-down in protest against mooted nationalisation of the railway.

Senor Xavier Bolanos, the President of the Workers' National Railway Brotherhood, said that the workers opposed nationalisation because too much politics prevents honest and efficient operation, which was essential to the railwaymen's well-being.—Reuter.

Missing Privateer



A United States Embassy spokesman in London said that wrecked landing gear which was picked up in the Baltic belonged to a Privateer aircraft of the United States Navy. The Privateer, which disappeared on April 8, was the only aircraft of that type reported missing in the Baltic area, the spokesman added. Photo shows: A crew member of the Swedish trawler which found the nose wheel of a U.S. Navy Privateer seen with the piece of wreckage. Note the perforation in the wheel disc at lower centre. The wreckage was sent to Copenhagen for examination by U.S. officials. (AP Photo).

"Recognition of China would be U.S. surrender"

Washington, May 7.

The former President, Herbert Hoover, today warned firmly against American recognition of Communist China and seating of the Red delegation in the United Nations. Either move would be further surrender in the cold war, he said.

Mr. Hoover expressed these views in a letter to Senator William Knowland (Republican) who, with 34 other Senators, has asked President Truman for new assurances that the United States will not recognise the Chinese Red regime or admit it to the United Nations.

Mr. Hoover cautioned that normal diplomatic relations would plant another nest of Communist propagandists and agitators in the United States. He refused firmly to back down on his recent proposal—firmly rejected by President Truman—that the United Nations be reorganised and Russia and her puppet States excluded.

"If the United Nations is ever to be useful to the human race," he wrote, "it must free itself of Communist domination, not add to it."

Senator Knowland heads the Republican bloc fighting for American military and economic aid for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-

shek's Nationalists. The group also wants to guarantee that Nationalist Chinese representatives will not be expelled from the United Nations. President Truman is sitting tight on this issue.

Red imperialism

Mr. Hoover warned Senator Knowland that seating the Communists would add further to the already dominantly destructive forces in the United Nations.

"It would be further acceptance of the sweep of the Kremlin's aggressive militarism, agnosticism and Red imperialism."

"It is a system of immorality and without compassion that we cannot accept. It would betray millions of Chinese still struggling against the slave State."

"Certainly recognition of a Moscow satellite government in China would be further surrender in the cold war which General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, intimates we are losing."—United Press.

BULGANIN BROADCAST TO CZECHS

Prague, May 7.

In a speech broadcast over Prague Radio, Marshal Bulganin, Russia's Deputy Premier, who headed the Soviet delegation to the Czech liberation celebrations, spoke of Soviet Russia's relations with Czechoslovakia and its Eastern European allies.

He said the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies had the same common goal—the construction of a socialist society. "Our countries are linked by treaties of friendship, co-operation and mutual aid. We have, therefore, to make the greatest possible use of technical achievements in industrial production, in agriculture. We must give to each other mutual help with raw materials, foodstuffs, machinery and equipment on the basis of mutual advantage."

Marshal Bulganin said that the close and many-sided relationship between the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies guaranteed the latter's freedom from the capitalist countries in technical and economic matters and freed them from the influence and anarchy of the markets of the capitalist world and from "the crisis and robberies of the imperialist beasts of prey."

Marshal Bulganin struck a note of warning when he said: "It is our duty to strengthen the co-operation and brotherhood between the peoples of democratic countries and the Soviet Union, to fight determinedly against the smallest attempt to weaken them, because the slightest doubt cast on the necessity for this friendship leads inevitably to the abandonment of the principles of proletarian internationalism and the principles of Lenin and Stalin."

He leads also to the betrayal of the nation itself and to the penetration of the lackeys of capitalism into the leadership of the State."

Marshal Bulganin then referred to the "sad example of Yugoslavia." Here, he said, "the Belgrade gang of Tito, Rankovic and Djilas, acting as spies and provocateurs in the service of the Anglo-American imperialists, usurped power."

Marshal Bulganin said that in the international field the most important task was the fight for peace "in view of the accelerated war preparations of the Anglo-American imperialists."—Reuter.

TRIESTE TALKS DENIED

Rome, May 7.

The Italian Foreign Ministry today denied published reports that Italy and Yugoslavia are conducting secret negotiations near Venice in an effort to solve common problems. — Associated Press.

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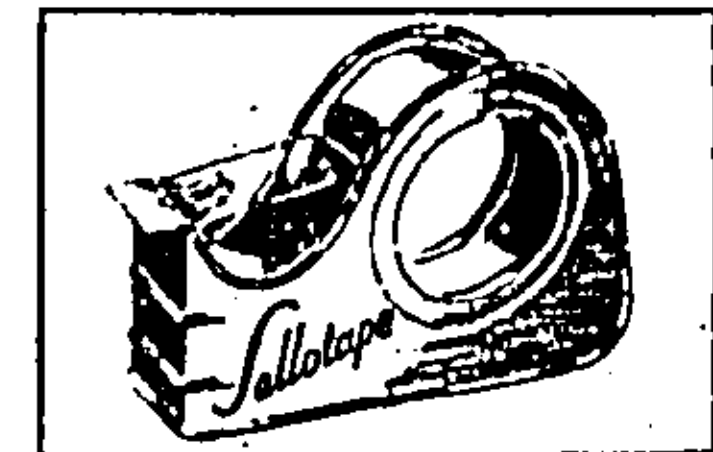


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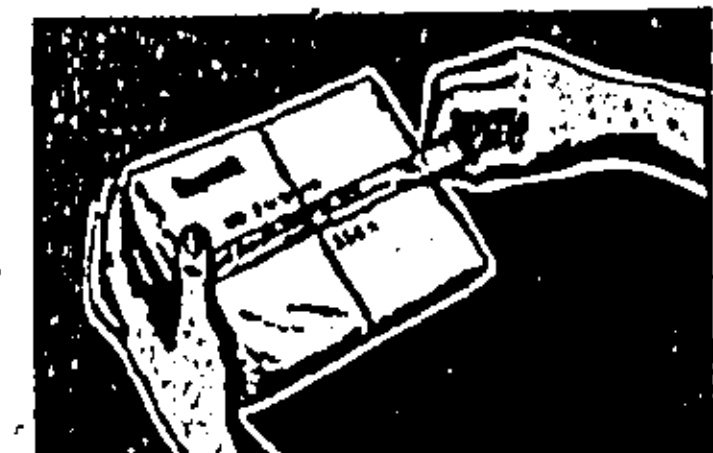
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Starvation record



Pictured in a glass cell at the start of a projected 50-day fast is Willi Schmitz of Frankfurt, 48-year-old former German wrestler and boxer. Schmitz, professionally known as "Heros", hopes to set a new world starvation record of 50 days without food. He will smoke cigarettes and drink mineral water through the fast—nothing else. A physician, police and Red Cross officials will watch throughout the period. "Heros", who claimed a starvation record of more than 40 days at Krefeld, Germany, last year, hopes to go to the U.S. after his Frankfurt fast.—(Associated Press Photo).

Electronic brains are speeding up

Washington, May 8.
Scientists can make electronic brains operate, or "think," many times faster than ever before. Exactly how much faster, the scientists are reluctant to say.

More speed will be possible because of a device developed at the U.S. National Bureau of Standards which reverses the direction of an electric motor as many as 30 times while you are blinking an eye, a Government announcement says.
Motors are part of the "nerve" system of electronic brains. Scientists give orders to the brain centres through the nerve system. And the brain sends back its answers through these channels. The brains themselves are huge clusters of tubes, like radio or television tubes. In figuring a mathematical problem, electrical impulses flow through these tubes. For instance, a series of 1,000 impulses may be sent into a tube to make it count up to 1,000, as a person of limited education might count up to 10 on his fingers.

Electronic brains solve some of the problems by simple basic operations, like counting. The electrical impulses are sent into the tubes by means of magnetized or perforated tape, or punched cards, fed into a machine that "reads" them and then transmits orders to the electronic tubes. The tubes can operate several hundred times as fast as any machine used, up to this time, to feed orders into them.

Now device

So the speed at which the electronic brains solve problems has been limited by the speed of the

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The War Minister, Mr. Karl Kobelt, today reaffirmed Switzerland's "armed neutrality" policy and hinted that military expenditure might rise above its present 450,000,000 francs yearly. —Reuter.

Asian talks not aimed at Communism

San Francisco, May 7.
General Carlos P. Romulo, President of the United Nations General Assembly, passing through here for Manila, said that the conference of South Eastern Asia nations opening on May 26 is not aimed at Communism.

"The meeting is not against anybody. I repeat, it is not an anti-Communist meeting," he said yesterday.
General Romulo thinks President Quirino will appoint him as Philippine Secretary for Foreign Affairs.
He expects to return to take Success early in June. —Reuter.

machines that feed in the problems. Most of this delay has occurred because motors, operating the feeding devices, must reverse frequently.

Jacob Rabinow, chief of the ordnance mechanics laboratory at the bureau, has developed a new spring device to replace brakes heretofore used to stop a motor before it is reversed. This new device will stop a high-speed motor before it makes a one-quarter turn. The spring then spins the motor in the opposite direction. The motor attains full speed again in three one-thousandths of a second—30 times faster than the blink of an eye. This is much faster than any device used heretofore, the Bureau of Standards said.—Associated Press.

NEW PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA

Managua, May 7.
General Anastasio Somoza, the Government candidate in this month's presidential elections, was today elected President by Congress to replace Dr. Victor Romay Reyes, who died last night in Philadelphia. A special session of Congress elected General Somoza unanimously to serve out Dr. Romay's unexpired term.

In an acceptance speech, the new President said his programme would be the same as the platform on which he had been campaigning for the May 21 elections. He reiterated previous assurances that the elections would be entirely fair, free and honest.

General Somoza has been a dominant figure in Nicaraguan politics for more than 15 years.—United Press.

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Only UN can win cold war

New York, May 7.
Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines, President of last year's United Nations General Assembly, said in a recorded statement broadcast today, "I see in the Press and hear on the radio statements about winning the cold war. This is a tragic misconception. Neither side can win the cold war, without automatically touching off a war."
"There is only one nation that can win the cold war—the United Nations. The choice is rapidly becoming either peaceful negotiation through the United Nations, or the unimaginably horrible negotiation of mass murder on the battlegrounds of an atomic war."—Reuter.

PATRIARCH DEAD

Belgrade, May 7.
The Patriarch Gavrilovic, head of the Serbian Orthodox Church, died here today, aged 70. The Patriarch was one of the moving spirits behind the coup d'etat in March, 1941, against the Yugoslav Government which had signed the Axis Pact and which brought Yugoslavia on to the Allies' side.

He was sent to the Dachau concentration camp by the Germans and his health suffered. After being exiled for five years he returned to Yugoslavia in November, 1948, and a year later he called on the Orthodox clergy to cooperate fully with Marshal Tito's Government.—Reuter.

NEHRU TURNS DOWN UN REORGANISATION

New York, May 7.
The Prime Minister of India, Pandit Nehru, in a statement broadcast here, opposed ex-President Hoover's recent proposal that the United Nations should be reorganised without Russia and other Communist countries. Pandit Nehru said: "It could only mean the break-up of something that is actually and potentially valuable with nothing to take its place."

"I think, therefore, that a proposal to exclude any independent country from the United Nations is unwise and harmful."

The statement was made in response to a cabled invitation from the United Nations Radio Department and broadcast in a special United Nations programme by the Mutual Broadcasting Company.

Pandit Nehru said: "The proposal to limit the United Nations by exclusion of some nations has surprised me greatly. Indeed, it seems to forget that the high hopes with which the United Nations was started have not been fulfilled."

"At the same time, there can be no doubt that, by the mere fact of its existence, it has saved us from many dangers."

"Also, there is no doubt that, in the world today, it offers the one hope of finding some way for peaceful co-operation between the nations."

"If the United Nations radically changes its position and nature, then there is nothing left."

He continued: "The whole conception of one world, however distant that one world may be, involves an organisation like the United Nations. To imagine that, by strict conformity to a single doctrine or approach, we can solve the problems of the world; to forget the lessons of history and to ignore the realities of today."

The consequences

"However difficult the path, it has to be pursued by repeated attempts at co-operation between all nations. Once that attempt is given up, the consequences can only be a preparation for a conflict on a world scale and the conflict itself."

Mr. Nehru was also asked what he thought the attitude of many States, such as India, might be if a proposal to reorganise or di-

vide the United Nations should be made officially.

He replied: "It is thought, by some people that in the circumstances of today, it is quite inevitable for the world to be divided up into two parts, hostile to each other, but there is also undoubtedly a refusal on the part of many countries to line up in this way."

"These countries imagine that neither the pressure of world events nor their own destiny requires this lining up on either side."

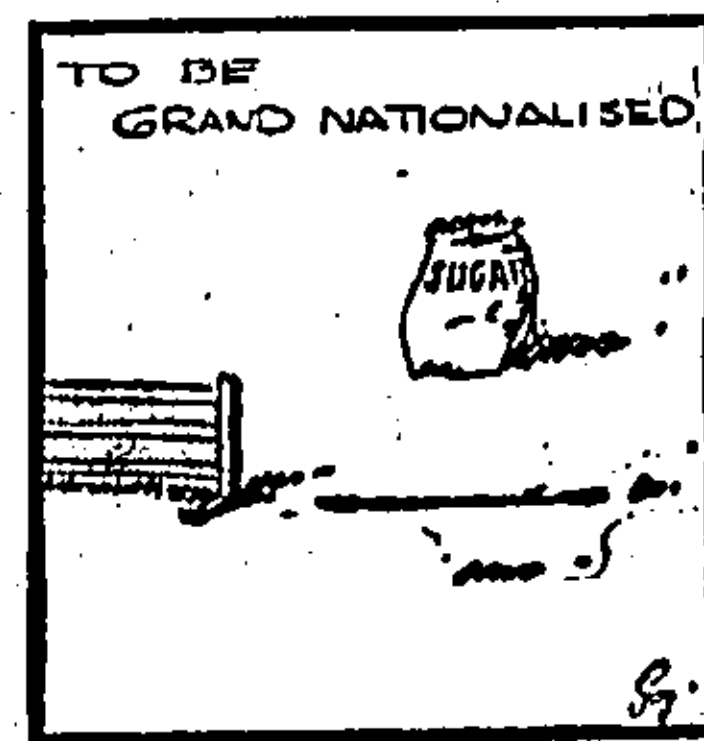
"They will, therefore, maintain their separate identity and viewpoint and thus serve the cause they have at heart."

"If any attempt is made to change the essential nature of the United Nations, it will not lead to another or a more powerful organisation which can work for peace."

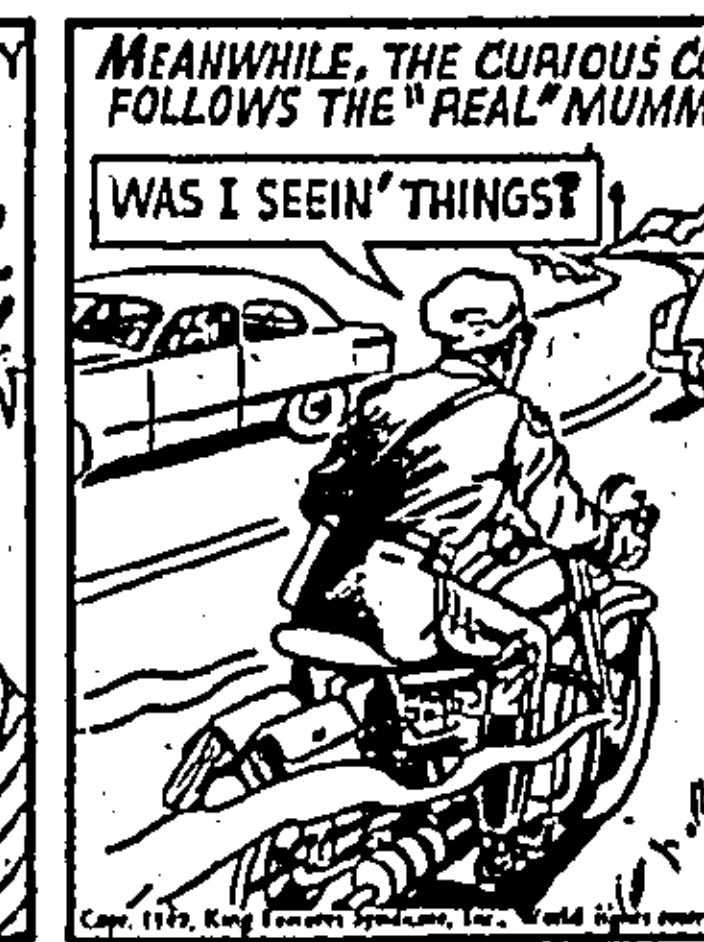
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Baghdad, May 7.
King Faisal of Iraq, who celebrated his 15th birthday on Tuesday, left here today for London to return to his studies at Harrow School.—Reuter.

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- 7.45—Concert Hall.
- 7.45—Listen to Liberty.
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- 10.00—B.B.C. News.
- 10.10—Local News.
- 10.15—Relay.
- 11.00—Tex Bencke Show.
- 11.15—Magic and Moonlight.
- 11.30—Marchet.

true independence and release from its present position as a pawn in a very dirty international political game, he said.

Moscow's blessing

Nolan said that the league now complete with the blessings of Moscow Radio and the Cominform Journal, had made progress from its establishment last summer, but was at present marking time.

No printer in Southern Ireland would publish the League's "Irish Worker's Voice," and no one would rent, lend or present a meeting place to the group. It had been misrepresented in all the Irish papers, and its few attempts at street meetings had been broken up by police and Communist actionists.

"The opposition we have met has been considerable," Nolan said.

He added that the League for the time being planned no further

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Not much hope

Asked if the League planned to put itself and its programme to the people by contesting forthcoming local elections, Nolan said the body was considering whether it would present a candidate or select Irish Labour Party candidates for League support.

A Labour Party spokesman said he doubted very strongly if candidates would welcome such support. The general view was that League support would damage the chosen candidate.

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Golden Thread	92		88
Head Grouper	74		70
Large Sole	74		70
..... (small)	68		68
Conquer Pike	1.30		1.00
Red Bell Dream (large)	96		88
..... (small)	88		80
Head Tail	87		81
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Other Grouper	\$1.90		\$1.00
White Pomfret (large)	9.40		9.40
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Lesson 34 (K)

Vocabulary:

903. (ts'oh) tsaw(3)
194. (kai) gai(1)
195. (aap) aap(3)
196. (t'ong) tong(1)
197. (shaat) shaat(3)

Combinations:
21. (2)Moh tsaw(3).

General Expressions:
66. (2)Moh meen(2).
67. Foon(1) shue(3).

A Story: (Continued)

92. (2)Kui faan(1)-doh(3)
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(1)bah-bah(1) (3)wah:
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geen(3) (2)nay lok(3)
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im-(3)hah lok(3)
95. (1)Woo-huh(1) (2)ngaw
jeo(1)-doh(3) (2)ngaw
(3)dzhoh-tswu(3) jaw(2)-
lok(3).
98. (1)Kau (2)nay foon(1)-
shue(3) (2)ngaw, bay(2)
(2)ngaw faan(1) (1)lal
(3)dzhoh yut(1)-gaw(3)
goong(1)-(1)yun lah(1)"
97. (2)lai(1)bah-bah(1)
tai(2)-geen(3) (2)kul
faan(1)-jaw(2)-(1)lal,
(3)dzau hoh(2) foon(1)-
hay(2).
(2)Kui dzik(1)-huk(1)
gecoot(3) (1)yun luk(3)
tong(1)-gai(1)-shui(3)-
aap(3).
99. (2)K. tsiehing(2)-saaye(3)
(2)kul-dee(1) (1)pung-
(2)yau (1)lal yum(3).
100. (2)Kul dui(3) (2)kul-
dee(1) goong(1)-(1)yun-
(3)wah:
"Gum(1)-(3)yut. (2)nay-
Siday (1)m-shai(3)
hui(1)-geen(1)."
101. (1)Lal. (1)t'oong (2)ngaw
yum(2)-dzau(3). (1)t'oong
(2)ngaw saaye(3)-(3)lok
lah(1).
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(3)baang-(3)laang doh(1)
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A duck.
To slaughter.
To kill. To slay.

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You're right.

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"I'm not worthy to be in your presence.
I'm ashamed to face you."

Now, I know I have done wrong

I beg you to forgive me and let me come back as a labourer

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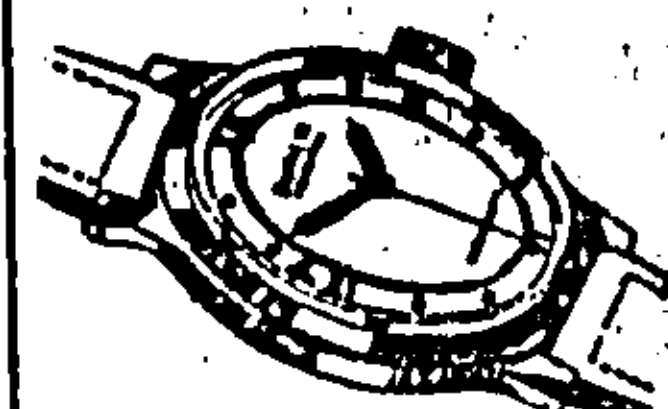
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USRC LADIES DRAW WITH LRC IN TENNIS LEAGUE

The Hong Kong Lawn Tennis League Championships entered its second week of the season yesterday when four matches in the Men's "B" Division and two matches in the Ladies' "B" Division were played off.

The Hong Kong University Ladies' team again postponed their game, this time with the Craigengower team.

Blow for English soccer team

London, May 7. England's soccer selectors, building up their side for the World Cup finals in Brazil in July, have suffered a blow by the withdrawal of Laurie Hughes, Liverpool's centre half, from the England "A" international side which meets Portugal in Lisbon next Sunday.

Hughes suffered bruised ribs when playing for Liverpool yesterday. He had been chosen after Neil Franklin, who has not missed a full international since the war, had asked not to be considered. A deputy will be announced later.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP RESULT

London, May 7. Three contests in the first round of the European Zone of the Davis Cup tennis competition were decided today, with Belgium, Sweden and Yugoslavia advancing into the second round.

Playing at Brussels, Belgium gained a decisive 3-0 lead over Finland by winning the doubles. Philippe Washer and Jackie Brichant, the Belgian pair, beat Sakari Salo and Pentti Forsman of Finland 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Belgium will meet Yugoslavia in the next round.

At the Hague, Sweden clinched their contest with Holland by 4 matches to 1.

Torsten Johansson of Sweden beat Nocke Linck of Holland 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

Lennart Bergelin won the final singles match, defeating Rob van Meegeren, the Dutch No. 1, by 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

Sweden meet Norway in the second round.

At Zagreb, Yugoslavia made a clean sweep against Austria, winning by 5 matches to nil.

In the last two singles, Josef Pallada beat A. Huber 7-5, 6-4, 6-4, and M. Brancovic beat the one-armed Austrian, Hans Reil, 8-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Yugoslavia meet Belgium in the next round.—Reuter.

SING TAO WIN IN MANILA

Manila, May 6. The visiting Sing Tao Tigers from Hong Kong won their second game here last night by whipping the All-Collegiate football team, 5-1, at Rizal Memorial Stadium.

In their first appearance on Saturday night, Sing Tao defeated Turba Salvaje Manila football league champions by 6-2.

The home team, Yiu Cheuk-yin, and inside left, Chu Wing-kuen, each scored two goals in last night's game. Lal Shiu-wing scored the other.

The local team's lone goal was scored in the first half, when Sing Tao led 2-1.—United Press.

GERMAN SOCCER TEAM IN U.S.

New York, May 7. Hamburg, Sport Verein, the first German soccer team to tour the United States, defeated a League All-Star team 4-1 at Triborough Stadium today.

Hamburg, in the first of six exhibition games in the United States, did all the scoring in the first half.

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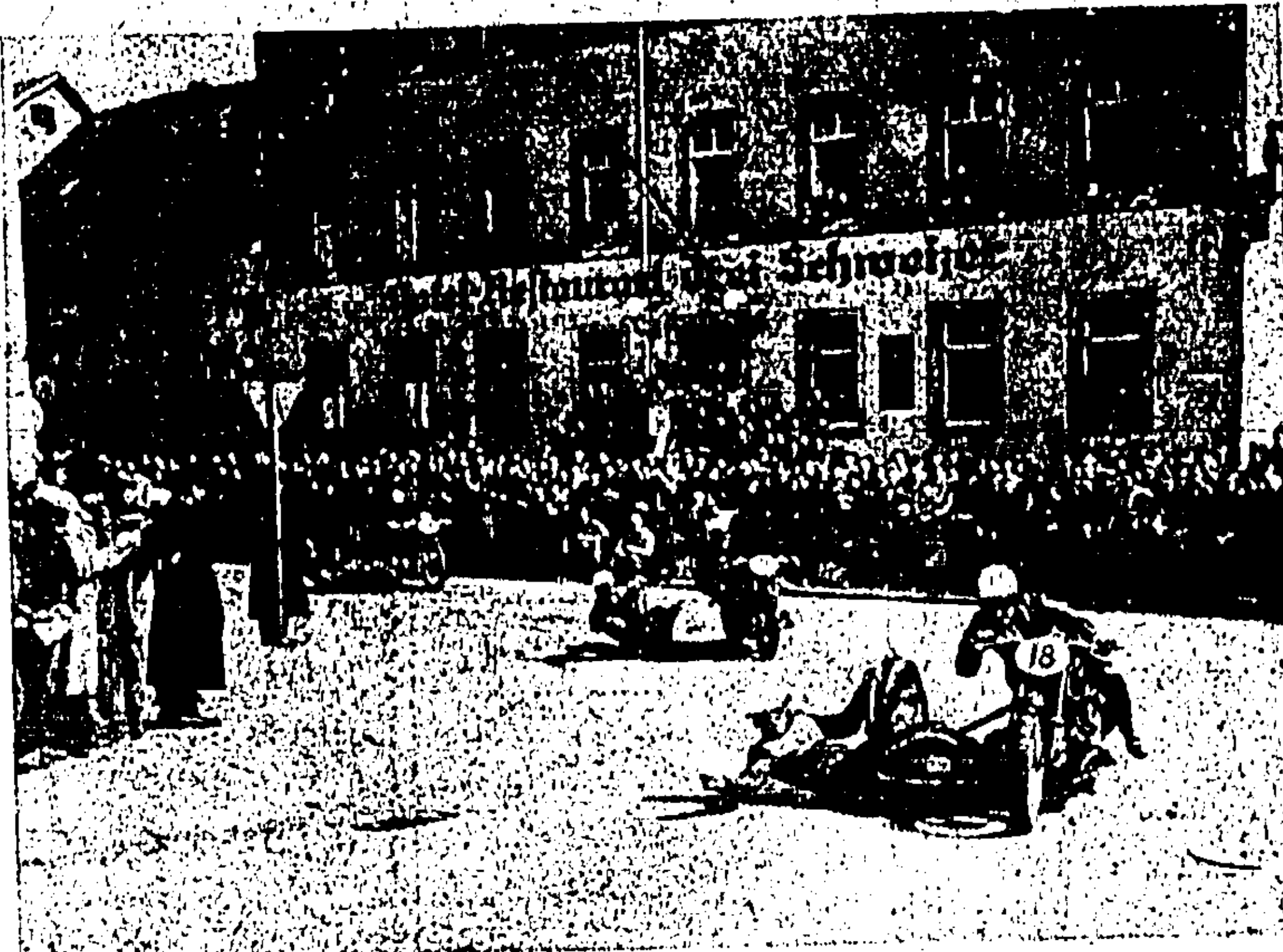
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Motor racing in Germany



The 1950 German motor racing season opened at Nuremberg, with motorcycle races through the streets of the Rhineland town. Here competitors on 1,300cc motorcycles with sidecars dash around a curve in the first round of a 10-round race of 44.75 kilometres. The winning pair, Franz Mohr and Kurt Fritz (number 13) are seen here in third place. They finished in 33 minutes, 27.1 seconds.—(AP Photo).

Plans to streamline next Olympic Games

London, May 8.

The International Olympic Committee is going to make another attempt at streamlining the Olympic Games. The prospects of succeeding—and still keeping everybody happy—are not too bright.

The IOC goes into session in Copenhagen on May 11 for six days. High on the agenda is the programme for the 1952 games in Helsinki.

Hogan equals world record

White Sulphur Springs, May 8.

Ben Hogan, the American star golfer, equalled the world record for 72 holes on a par 72 course with a 21 under par total of 287 in winning the Glenair Open tournament here.

Hogan resumed active playing in January this year after a lay-off of almost a year following a near-fatal car crash.

He returned rounds of 64 and 68 and 68 over the 6,368-yard course to equal the record set up by Byron Nelson in the 1945 Seattle Open Championship at Broadmoor.

Hogan already holds the world record score of 287 strokes under par for play on a par 72 course.—Reuter.

TICKLISH SPORTS PROBLEM

London, May 7.

The ticklish problem of allowing Germany and Japan to return to Olympic competition will come before the International Olympic Committee when it meets at Copenhagen next week.

The question of Russian participation also may be raised.

Last year, at least two Olympic officials, IOC President Sigfrid Edstrom of Sweden and Chancellor Otto Mayer, said they expect Germany to be accepted very soon.

However, the Executive Council of the International Olympic Committee could not agree after studying the problem for two days in Paris in October. The Council referred the matter to the Copenhagen meeting.

Even after the Paris session Professor Karl Renz, Secretary of the German Olympic Committee, was confident that his country would be allowed to enter the 1952 Winter Games at Oslo and the Summer games at Helsinki.

A National Olympics Committee has been formed in Japan and is sending an observer to the Copenhagen session.

Japan and Germany have joined various international organizations which control individual sports. They were permitted to do this following the general IOC meeting in Rome last year.

Before a nation can be invited to the Olympics, the Committee, and it must belong to the individual sports organizations.

Russia, which has never taken

The Finns are all set for a strenuous reducing diet. For almost a year they tried to persuade the various international groups which control the individual sports to make voluntary cuts.

They did not make an inch of progress. Instead, they found some of the sports wanted to expand.

So the Finns dumped the problem into the lap of the IOC. Two of the first three days of the Copenhagen meeting will be devoted to sessions with international sports federations in an effort to reach some agreement on curtailment.

The 1948 Games in London drew about 6,500 athletes and officials from 50 nations. They participated in 20 sports which included 137 separate events.

The London total was less than in Berlin in 1936, but more than in any other modern games.

London model

The meeting in Lausanne last April of the executive committee of the IOC agreed that the Helsinki Games would be modelled on London. This meant no new sports and no additions to the present sports. The IOC also gave the Finns permission to seek reductions of individual events.

The job that fell to the Finns was to include all five of the voluntary events, but to have considerable say-so on the other five.

The compulsory sports are field, men's and women's swimming, wrestling (free style and Greco-Roman) boxing, gymnastics, fencing, shooting, yachting, rowing, cycling, riding (equestrian events), weight lifting and the modern pentathlon; the modern and voluntary sports are soccer, football, field hockey, basketball, canoeing and water polo.

The Finns appear willing to include all five of the voluntary events, but they want to keep the field, well in check.

For example, 23 teams played basketball in 1948. The Finns want not more than 16, including Finland. If more enter, the Finns

part in the Olympics since the Communists came to power in 1918, does not have a national Olympic Committee. It does, however, belong to a number of individual sports groups such as the International Basketball Federation, the International Boxing Association and the International Amateur Athletic Federation (track and field).

The Russians sent observers to the 1948 Olympics at London. One of them said Russia would like to compete at Helsinki. It is invited.

Invitations are usually extended 12 to 18 months before the games are held. So Russia could still qualify for a bid.

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SAVOLD AND WOODCOCK GO INTO TRAINING

London, May 7.

Leo Savold, blonde, six-foot American heavy-weight, and Bruce Woodcock, the British Champion, have chosen contrasting training environments for their World Heavyweight title fight (European version) at the White City, London, on June 6.

Savold, former cowboy, farm hand, dock worker and bartender, has just arrived from the United States and will take up quarters at Scarborough, popular Yorkshire coastal resort.

There the local authorities have placed a ballroom at his disposal for a gymnasium and early holiday-makers are expected to flock there to see him in action.

Woodcock has gone to North Wales for training in an historical castle, where the ghost of a knight in armour is said to have haunted the battlements.

Much is at stake for Woodcock and Savold in this fight. The winner will be recognised in Europe and some parts of the United States as the World Champion, and this may mean some big purses with the present heavyweight situation so uncertain.

Ezzard Charles, Champion according to the National Boxing Association of America, has been ordered to rest, and Joe Louis has once again threatened to attempt a "come-back" three-hour medical examination Charles was declared "not fit for strenuous exercise at the present time" and he has been advised to have another examination in three months' time.

Severe training

Charles has a vascular condition of the heart, and the NBA say that until he is advised by the doctors to retire they will recognise him as Champion.

Neither Woodcock nor Savold has fought for some time, and intensive preparations will be necessary to get the men to peak for which to do this.

Savold, now 34, hopes to shed about five pounds to make his fighting weight 13 stone, 10 pounds. Savold has brought no trainer with him on his trip. His preparation will be supervised by his manager, Bill Daly.

"All Leo needs is someone to see that he does not run short of clean towels," Daly said. "I shall look after him."

Forbidden under the rules of his agreement with the London promoter, Mr. Jack Solomons, to fight in public until he meets Woodcock, Savold had a secret contest with a high-ranking American coloured boxer in New Jersey two weeks ago.

The only difference between this "trial" and the real thing is that there was no crowd and no "gate." The contest took place at night, both boxers used regulation gloves and no headgear, and there was a referee and judges. "I think Savold just about won on points," said Daly.—Reuter.

Cardinals swamp Boston Braves

New York, May 7.

Howard Pollet stopped the rampaging Boston Braves today on just four hits while the St. Louis Cardinals let loose with a barrage of their own for a 15-0 triumph in the National League.

The Braves had scored 53 times in their previous four games before facing Pollet.

Pollet struck out five Braves, walked one and let only two reach second base.

Second baseman Jackie Robinson made it a one-man show as the Brooklyn Dodgers came from behind to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2.

Robinson drove in all three Brooklyn runs, with a homer, a double and a single in three times at bat.

The Pirates scored their runs in the first inning on two wild pitches by left hander.

The Philadelphia Phillies tossed away a four-run lead over the Cincinnati Reds in their eighth inning, but came back in the ninth on right fielder Del Ennis' homer and scored another run in the ninth to win both ends of a doubleheader 6-0 and Eddie Waitkus.

First baseman Dick Sisler hit a homer for Philadelphia early in the opener.

The New York Giants swept a twin bill with the Chicago Cubs, 4-3 and 6-2, before a capacity crowd of 40,000 that swelled in 38 degree temperatures.

Second baseman Eddie Stanky singled home the decisive run in the fourth inning of the opener.

The Boston Red Sox moved within 42 percentage points of the League-leading Detroit Tigers in the American League as they whipped the St. Louis Browns 4-6 and 6-2 in a doubleheader.

In the three-hour-long opener, 20 walks were issued by pitchers of both sides. Boston left fielder Ted Williams hit his seventh homer of the year in the third inning of the opener.

Another bases loaded home run by left fielder Gil Coan did the trick for Washington, enabling the Senators to come from behind and defeat Cleveland 10-5.

It was Coan's second such homer in five days. His grand slam blew a 3-0 lead in the seventh, when the Senators scored six runs to erase Cleveland's 5-4 lead.

Tommy Byrne pitched and beat the New York Yankees to a 5-3 triumph over the Detroit Tigers.

Byrne singled in two runs in the sixth to break a 3-3 tie and came in himself on a trio of throwing errors. He speeded his hit for his first victory of the season.

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